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Where Is There Any Comfort?

"I JUST HEARD YOU SAY that Psalm 91 was one of comfort and strength. H could it have any comfort for one like me?" These words came from a caller t minister on a midnight radio program, *The Pastor's Study*. People with questions problems call to speak to a pastor. The radio audience hears the answers.

The lady explained, "I am a nurse with a cancer. I have been operated on tw for it, and the surgeon refuses to operate a third time because it might be fatal. I like one who has been given a death sentence. My execution is hanging over I try to be brave, but sometimes I feel like going into hysterics. Now, where ca find comfort in a condition like this?"

IS THERE AN ANSWER to her question? A Christian has an answer. Christ is ma of death as well as of life. Heaven begins not with death but with the decision accept Christ. Faith in Christ's promise can bring comfort to one facing death: " that liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

—J. R. BROKHOL

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OVER PICTURE. Steeple of seminary chapel towers above famed statue of Dr. Martin Luther Gettysburg Seminary campus. Inscription reads "Truth is mightier than eloquence."

THE CHURCH IN THE NEW

Ready for Reformation Day

Martin Luther's hammer strokes on the church door at Wittenberg in 1517 will echo across America on the 437th anniversary, Oct. 31. In at least 300 U.S. cities there will be interdenominational rallies celebrating the Reformation.

There were only six cities where such services were held in 1949, said the Rev. Berlyn Farris of the National Council of Churches. The October anniversary had been celebrated by Lutherans for centuries, but only in the last five years has it been shared by other Protestants.

Mr. Farris estimated that community-wide observances were held in 1950 in 60 cities, and in 1953 in 200. In some cities as many as 15,000 have attended the Reformation celebration. This year the Kansas City Council of Churches is sponsoring a "festival of Christian faith" in the municipal auditorium which seats 14,000. Dozens of other communities have selected their largest civic meeting-places for the observance.

Won't rule on Gideon Bibles

The United States Supreme Court has declined to review the New Jersey Supreme Court's ruling last September that distribution of Gideon New Testaments to Rutherford, N. J., public school children is unconstitutional.

The state court verdict had been appealed jointly by the Rutherford Board of Education and the Gideons International.

Chief Justice Arthur T. Vanderbilt, who delivered the New Jersey Supreme Court's opinion, said that the Gideon Bible is a "sectarian book" and its distribution in the public schools is "a violation of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution . . . and of Article I, paragraph 4, of the New J Constitution."

The State Supreme Court ruling versed an earlier decision by the Sup Court upholding the action of the Ru ford School Board in authorizing d bution of the Gideon Bibles in 195

In their appeal to the U.S. Sup Court the Gideons contended tha New Jersey court deprived them o ligious freedom by denying them right to propagate, in a peaceful ma their belief in Holy Scripture.

The Gideons also claimed that dom of the press was violated.

Merger plan revived

A plan to merge the Congrega Christian Churches and the Evang and Reformed Church by 1957 has approved by executive bodies of denominations. Merger of the two g would create a 2,000,000-member U Church of Christ.

The denominational leaders wh jointly were the executive commit the Congregational Christian Chu General Council and the Evangelic Reformed Church's General Coun

They reaffirmed the "Basis of with Interpretations," which was ad by the Congregational Christian C Council in 1948 and the Evangelic Reformed General Synod in 194 was then approved by votes of t gional synods of Evangelical an formed Church and of the local C gational Christian churches.

A legal barrier to merger was re last March when the New York Court of Appeals threw out a brought by a group of Congregatio who held the General Council h power to effect a merger.

DELEGATES GOT TIRED

TORONTO REPORT

vention was turning point

x hundred and fifty-nine convention gates were tired at noon on Oct. 13. / had done all they could during the -day session in Toronto to deal with ngthy and complex plan for reor- zing the United Lutheran Church in rica.

knew that all of us would be forced stained periods of concentration that d be very wearying," President klin Clark Fry summed up. "I knew vas physically impossible to get ugh everything that was being pre- d. I'm amazed at how much we've mplished."

here had been a serious risk, Dr. Fry owledged, that "pressure, weariness, ration" might produce irritation and estrangement. Never had he been ubious "about an approaching sha- " as he had been regarding the nto debate, Dr. Fry said. Things ed out better than he expected. "The ile of the United Lutheran Church t impaired as a result of this conven- which is what I honestly feared. If hing, the morale of the ULC has been strengthened," Dr. Fry stated.

It was "a kind of watershed convention," said Dr. Fry. "We begin to see some lines of direction" in United Lutheran Church development.

Who sits at the head of the table?

The "line of direction" at the Toronto convention was toward centralizing United Lutheran Church organization. Delegates were cautious in early balloting. They split almost evenly on proposals to center authority in a 21-member Executive Board.

By the fourth day of discussion of this question caution had disappeared. The convention voted by a strong majority to give the Executive Board more authority than had been suggested by a Commission on Organizational Structure.

"Somebody must sit at the head of the table," said Dr. Paul H. Krauss of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He protested against "unwillingness to give power where power is needed."

Co-ordination or captivity

Debate focused on a recommendation that the Executive Board should get authority to "review the actions" of the other ULC boards, agencies, auxiliaries.

Prof. Charles K. Woltz, secretary of the Organizational Structure Commission, said the Executive Board needs authority to co-ordinate work of the other boards in the intervals between United Lutheran conventions. How could a congregation manage its affairs, he asked, if a congregational meeting were held only every two years and "in the meantime the Sunday school, the choir, and the youth organization each acted independently, with nobody with real power to co-ordinate their efforts."

Dr. J. J. Scherer of Richmond, Virginia, said he had been a member of the Executive Board for two terms (1946-54) and had "never known the Executive Board to be lacking in authority." Placing power of review in this board, he said, "would take away practically everything which we've set up our boards to do." Dr. Earl S. Erb, executive secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, wanted to know whether a board would have any assurance in going ahead with its plans while awaiting review of its actions by the Executive Board.

Dr. Henry H. Bagger, president of Philadelphia Seminary, said that "if we are going to subject our boards and agencies to the kind of scrutiny that has been discussed, and the kind of oversight that has been outlined, we are going to lift from them a sense of real responsibility. We are going to kill initiative. We are going to fail to develop the leadership which, coming up from the grass roots, has been the joy and strength of our church up to this time."

The Krauss amendment

Executive Board authority over other boards would not be the "power of review in the sense of veto power," Mr. Woltz had stated.

Dr. Paul H. Krauss put the question in sharp focus by a motion that "the power of review and responsibility" interpreted as power of veto of any p gram or enterprise which shall in judgment of the Executive Board c flict with or be hurtful to the total p gram of the church."

The Krauss definition won a str majority, and became part of the p posed amendment to the ULCA cons tion which will be submitted to the syn for ratification.

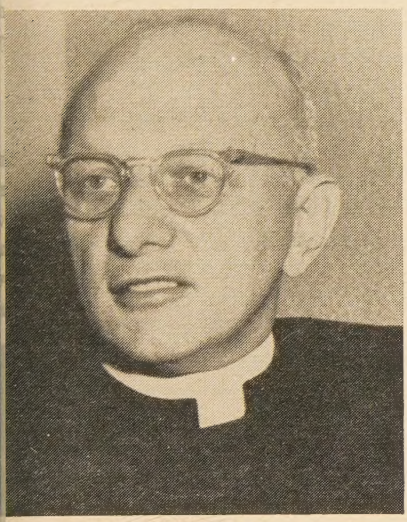
Boards can't make statements

Without debate it was agreed tha intervals between ULC conventions Executive Board will serve "as the cl ing agency for review and approval formulation, of pronouncements wi state the official position of the chur

EDMUND F. WAGNER
Re-elected ULC treasurer

Does that mean, asked Dr. Ha Haas of Jersey City, New Jersey, the Board of Social Missions would be permitted to make statements with Executive Board approval. This bo he said, sometimes sends "to pastors own actions as expressions of the opi

he Board of Social Missions. Would ean that any time the Board of Social sions was to take any action of any l along this line, it would be necessary ubmit such an action to the Execu- Board to get an interpretation as to ther this was an official statement of church?"



F. Eppling Reinartz
Re-elected ULC secretary

o test the attitude of the convention, Haas offered an amendment that the cutive Board's authority over pro- ncements "is not to be interpreted as biting the right of any board or ncy of the church to speak in its own e." The amendment was buried un- an avalanche of "no" votes.

study purchasing

ast flicker of opposition to trusting sions to the Executive Board came at final convention session on the ques- of studying "centralized purchasing the boards, agencies, and auxiliaries." he idea proves good, the Organiza- al Structure Commission recom- ded, the Executive Board should be empowered to place the purchasing system in operation.

A few delegates thought the Executive Board's discoveries on this question should be brought to the 1956 convention for final action. "We have given the Executive Board powers far exceeding this," Dr. Carl Satre, COS chairman, protested. He asked for confidence in the wisdom of the Executive Board to reach the right decision. Delegates responded to his appeal almost unanimously.

No more structure in '56

"It would seem desirable for us not to make the next convention groan under the weight of organizational structure," advised President Fry. The 1954 convention, he said, had spent "a vast percentage of time putting in new piping. It was absolutely necessary. The old piping was leaking."

But 1956 would be too soon to go back to the plumbing, said Dr. Fry. He recommended that the Commission on Organizational Structure be dismissed, and the loose ends of the 1954 report be cared for by a small committee appointed by the Executive Board.

The commission made 118 recommendations in its report published in July, and added one more in Toronto. Some overlapped others and did not require action. Fifty-three recommendations were adopted in some form. The most important require ratification by 22 of the 32 ULC synods before becoming part of the ULC constitution.

A few recommendations were defeated—such as transferring the department of evangelism to the Executive Board. About 20 were postponed for action in 1956, including proposals regarding the Commission of Adjudication and transfer of editorial responsibility for The Lutheran to the Board of Publication. Other recommendations, including

all regarding the Board of Deaconess Work, were passed by as not urgent at present.

Want a bigger budget

There had been long debate on subjecting the ULC's eight "functional boards" to the Executive Board. One delegate said board secretaries are "Church House bureaucrats" and another said "our boards have become to a large extent self-perpetuating. We are witnessing the development of a managerial class in our church."

But such talk was forgotten when the time came to decide how much money should be entrusted to these boards for expenditure in their work in 1956 and '57. The convention was in favor of granting them more than the Executive Board recommended.

Dr. Otto K. Jensen, the Executive Board's finance committee chairman, carefully explained how a total of $6,950,661 for 1956 and $7,228,592 for 1957 had been reached. These amounts are 18 per cent higher than in 1954-55. Delegates were prompt in protesting that total should be set higher.

More proposed for home missions

Biggest increase proposed in the budget was to raise the $2,400,000 scheduled annually for the Board of American M sions. The board has "a spectacu record" in planting new congregations the last two years, the Rev. Ross H of Berkeley, California, pointed c Establishing churches in fast-grow suburban areas is a "now-or-never" ch lenge, he said.

Dr. Carl Tambert, president of California Synod, moved to increase American Mission amount to $3,089,0 annually, which was the amount board said would be necessary for program it has planned.

United Lutherans are "at the pl where we are being called on to g more generously and work harder," s the Rev. John Futchs, president of Rocky Mountain Synod. Dr. Edw K. Rogers, stewardship secretary of Pittsburgh Synod, said "it's a good th to keep your requests within the reach your people."

From Dr. Paul Graf, Minneapo came a proposal for a special $10 mill appeal to provide home mission fun finance an evangelism crusade, raise p sions for retired pastors, support a t vision program, and enlarge the Luthe Church House in New York City.

Executive Board goes to dinner

The budget argument came to an

DELEGATES LISTENED, TALKED, VOTED

it was agreed to ask the Executive
l to hold a special meeting during
inner hour, and bring in new plans
e evening session on Oct. 12. Dele-
decided to ask the board to include
e new budget $93,333 a year to
ase minimum pensions for retired
rs to $1,000 a year, and $500 a year
astors' widows, beginning in 1956.
ter the dinner the board reported a
7,944 budget in 1955, and $7,633,-
in 1957. Amount for the Board of
rican Missions would average $415,-
a year higher than the $2,400,000
e if the budget is met in full. The
sum was placed in "Part II" of the
et.

elegates accepted the revised budget
loud affirmative vote.

BUDGET	1956	1957
gn Missions	$1,735,000	$1,780,500
rican Missions	2,400,000	2,400,000
l Missions	159,447	157,315
gelism program	279,137	249,837
oness Work	100,500	100,500
ons	751,613	751,613
er Education	253,279	253,879
h Education	239,240	239,240
tive Board ministration	143,783	143,783
propriations	172,550	172,550
ess, Radio, Television	135,000	135,000
Other items	107,225	109,725
Nat. Lutheran Council	381,357	395,675
The Lutheran	40,000	50,000
"Part Two" items	689,813	693,962
	$7,587,944	$7,633,579

It was Thanksgiving Day in Canada

Canadians celebrated Thanksgiving on Oct. 11, and ULC delegates meeting in Toronto joined in the festivities. About 1,200 delegates and visitors went to Kitchener on Sunday, the 10th, and had dinner with friendly Canadian families after church services in the morning. On the 11th a service was held at the close of the evening business session.

"If any people on earth have cause for devout thanksgiving to God, it is the citizens of this land," Dr. A. A. Zinck told the convention. Dr. Zinck, a former Canadian, is pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee.

"In every area of her life," said Dr. Zinck, Canada is expanding rapidly. "New citizens are pouring through her ports of entry. New industries are being established. New sources of natural wealth are being discovered. She enjoys a democratic form of government which is unexcelled. Her social legislation is among the most advanced in the world."

Dr. Zinck said he believed that "God

OF 660 DELEGATES ELECTED, ONLY ONE WAS ABSENT

EAST AND WEST MEET AT TORONTO
Lutherans from British Guiana, India, and Japan shared in convention

has called Canada to exercise a growing influence for good in the councils of the nations and that He is preparing her for that high mission."

Guarding the communion

Concern that the holy communion should not be administered in improper circumstances had resulted in appointment of a commission of theologians and synod presidents to prepare rules for guidance of the church. Is communion in place at a summer youth camp, where some attending may not be qualified to commune? How can interdenominational communion services be discouraged? There were many questions of a similar nature.

Delegates gave careful attention to the commission's lengthy report, but felt there were points not fully covered. The report was returned to the commission for revision by 1956.

New service book

The hymnal and service book being prepared for a half-dozen Lutheran denominations in America is about ready to be set in type, Dr. Luther D. Reed told the convention. He said it should be ready in late 1955.

Dr. H. Torrey Walker, manage the United Lutheran Publication Ho was slightly skeptical. Problems in ducing the large book, to be printed first edition of 500,000 copies, may d publication until some time in 1956 said.

There will be 605 hymns and appr mately 625 tunes in the new b Among the latter are 25 new tunes American composers. Among hymn cluded is a well-known Negro spiri "Were You There When They Cruc My Lord?"

Washington or New York?

Shall the Board of Education m from Washington to New York? question aroused delegates as the b presented its report. In 1923, by orde a ULCA convention, the board hac tablished its offices in Washington. COS report advocated a change. better to have the boards of our ch closer to each other," said Dr. Ro Matthies of Springfield, Ohio, spea for the commission. "But many nati

cational agencies and associations are Washington," responded Dr. David M. o, Wagner College president. "The gration of the church comes first," l the Rev. John Whetstone of Muncy, nsylvania.

Expressing its sentiment that the Board Education should move to New York, convention decided to refer the whole ter to the Board of Education itself, report in 1956.

Approval in principle was given a plan sented by the Board of Education for practical pastoral training of semi- ians in hospitals and other institu- ns. Under the plan, seminary students uld spend some time engaged in actual plaincy work in such places. Ap- val was also given for a study of the sibility of a uniform curriculum in ten ULCA seminaries.

ctions are quiet

For the first time in several conven- ns, elections were not a topic of dis- sion. Nobody challenged the asterisks nich identify board nominees on the lots) and only a half-dozen offices e left unfilled after the first ballot. e committees of tellers, who sometimes e a lengthy job that prevents them m participating fully in the business sions, had cleaned up their work by morning of the third day.

The officers, as reported in last week's THERAN, were all re-elected by nearly nimous votes. Only the presidency, ich requires 100 per cent approval on first ballot, had to go to a second e, where 90 per cent is required for ction. Dr. Fry received a resounding) to 33 majority, polling more than per cent of all votes.

Elections to boards and agencies were follows:

ECUTIVE BOARD
nne C. Boliek, Greenville, S. C.
Albert G. Jacobi, Kitchener, Ont.
Dwight F. Putman, Harrisburg, Pa.
Henry Beisler, Belleville, N. J.
Clarence C. Stoughton, Springfield, Ohio
William F. Zimmerman, Fremont, Nebr.

COMMISSION OF ADJUDICATION
Charles E. Fritz, Atlanta, Ga.
Rees Edgar Tulloss, Springfield, Ohio
Paul H. Rhoads, Harrisburg, Pa.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
E. E. Flack, Springfield, Ohio
Edwin H. Knudten, Trenton, N. J.
Ralph W. Loew, Buffalo, N. Y.
Harmon J. McGuire, Chicago
Clyde G. Steele, Detroit, Mich.
Glenn R. Frye, Hickory, N. C.
George S. Yost, Baltimore

BOARD OF AMERICAN MISSIONS AND WEST INDIES MISSION BOARD
Homer Anderson, Roanoke, Va.
Charles B. Foelsch, Berkeley, Calif.
Henry V. Kahlenberg, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Albert W. Lotz, Kitchener, Ont.
Fred C. Eggerstedt, Richmond Hill, N. Y.
Erwin H. List, Chicago
J. Arndt Loa, Ottawa, Ont.

BOARD OF SOCIAL MISSIONS
Frederick D. Boldt, Fremont, Nebr.
Voigt R. Cromer, Hickory, N. C.
George B. McCreary, Minneapolis
John P. Stump, La Canada, Calif.
Paul I. Folkemer, Baltimore
C. K. Dye, Mansfield, Ohio
Luther Redcay, Selinsgrove, Pa.

BOARD OF DEACONESS WORK
Alvin Bell, Toledo, Ohio
Henry E. Horn, Cambridge, Mass.
Clemens H. Zeidler, Fremont, Nebr.
Mrs. Frank B. Herzel, St. Petersburg, Pa.
H. Ober Hess, Norristown, Pa.

BOARD OF PENSIONS
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F. William Brandt, Columbia, S. C.
Robert J. Myers, Silver Spring, Md.

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Erland Nelson, Columbia, S. C.
Robert W. Koons, Sunbury, Pa.

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J. Martin Klotsche, Milwaukee, Wis.
Harold U. Landis, Lebanon, Pa.

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H. Odelle Harman, Lexington, S. C.

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Ernest J. Hoh, Lancaster, Pa.
Donald Forsythe, Carthage, Ill.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP
Henry Beisler, Belleville, N. J.
Frederick G. Erb, Elverson, Pa.
Paul I. Folkemer, Baltimore
Thomas P. Hickman, Washington, D. C.
Harold U. Landis, Lebanon, Pa.
Everett G. Mitchell, Chicago, Ill.
Lawrence E. Speckman, Louisville, Ky.
Clarence C. Stoughton, Springfield, Ohio
Peter P. Hagan, Jenkintown, Pa.
Walter O. Helwig, Milwaukee, Wis.

The following were elected by the ULCA Executive Board:

Ira Angstadt, Elmsford, N. Y.
B. T. Bodie, Columbia, S. C.
Leroy Breneman, Lancaster, Pa.
Harry Bunge, Auburn, Nebr.
Robert B. Cummings, Pasadena, Calif.
Charles H. Esser, Kutztown, Pa.
A. W. Fisher, Concord, N. C.
Fred Lindemann, New York City
Alvin Metzger, Hannover, Ont.
Robert V. Peterson, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A.
Paul C. Empie, New York
Franklin Clark Fry, New York
James F. Henninger, Allentown, Pa.
O. Frederick Nolde, Philadelphia
F. Eppling Reinartz, New York
Clarence C. Stoughton, Springfield, O.
L. Ralph Tabor, Baltimore
Dwight F. Putman, Harrisburg, Pa.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

THE BOARD OF PENSIONS must en its work. On a large panel they pos on the platform during the presentat of their report they identified some their assets as:

"Endowment *fun*—Book value $3,775,641.24"

EMPHASIS ON ESCHATOLOGY in theme "Christ, the Hope of the Wor had some unexpected influences in cc pelling delegates to think of the l things. One West Coast delegate p sented a resolution providing for future of the United Lutheran Church the majority of its Executive Bo should ever be wiped out by some ma disaster like a bomb dropping on Church House in New York during c of their meetings. Solemnly the reso tion proposed that the "remaining s odical presidents" should then at earliest time meet to make plans for continuation of the church's work.

id officials of the Board of Social Missions enjoyed a good laugh during report as Frank C. Efird described North Carolina as the place "where we preach the Gospel h an accent, but we also accent the Gospel." Dr. Efird, pastor of St. John's Church, sbury, told of successful preaching mission conducted there.

LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT President Paul Folkemer, who acted as toastmaster at great banquet, tried to make all the 00 guests feel at home. Because of size of the crowd, some ate in the room of the Royal York Hotel, while ers were served in the banquet hall. er making a "personal appearance" in banquet hall, Mr. Folkemer returned the larger Grand Ballroom, went to microphone and said, "You know, 're a much better-looking crowd than se in the other room." He learned to dismay a few minutes later that the lic address system had carried his ds into the "other room."

THE SLOGAN in Toronto's beautiful new way became a catch-phrase among ventionites. "Don't Be a Pushing son" said the very-British signs in the way cars.

ONE DELEGATE, distressed when his American dollars brought him only 96 cents in Canadian currency, said, "I'm glad to get rid of this cheap American money."

WITH THE VISIT of the Canadian officials early in the convention to bring Her Majesty's greetings, the organ pealed forth "God Save the Queen." It wasn't sung, and one reporter thought this was a good thing. "The Americans would have been singing 'My Country 'Tis of Thee,'" he remarked. The tune is the same.

ADDRESSING the lieutenant-governor and the mayor of Toronto, convention chairman John Lauman properly said, "Your Honor, Your Worship . . ." Then turning toward Dr. Fry, he added, "Mr. President." In Canadian terms, Dr. Fry might have been addressed as "Your Grace."

Delegates Attend Canadian Feast

Special trains took 1,200 from Toronto to Kitcher
for Thanksgiving dinner, church services and ra

NEARLY 1,200 LUTHERANS will eat Thanksgiving dinners twice this year, thanks to the Toronto convention of the United Lutheran Church. On the Sunday of convention week, that number crowded aboard two Canadian National Railway special trains in the early hours for the 70-mile trip from Ontario's capital to the strongly-Lutheran area around Kitchener. They reached the Union Station on foot or by cab, because Toronto's subways don't operate until 9:30 A.M. on Sunday!

The travelers were assigned to special cars on the trains, according to a plan mapped out that would separate them when they reached the western Ontario "twin cities" of Kitchener and Waterloo. Arriving at about 10:30, they found committees from the local churches awaiting them with autos and busses, to transport them speedily to the church where they would attend the Sunday morning service. Most of the churc had earlier held special services members of their own congregations, t leaving the later service chiefly for visitors.

ALL ULC CHURCHES in Kitchener Waterloo, plus those in the neighbor communities of Preston, St. Jacc Conestoga and Heidelberg awaited visitors. Guest preachers occupied pulpits, as they also did in many Toro churches and in others en route.

After the service, the visitors were signed to the families into whose hor they were to go for the traditional Ca dian Thanksgiving dinner. Thanksgiv Day in Canada is officially the sec Monday in October.

How many friendships were made the visitors from the United States elsewhere sat down at the table with t Canadian hosts, only time will tell.

Delegates vie for recognition by chair during Toronto business session

"Christian-hands-across-the-border" ire was surely a memorable event a large number of the delegates. omfortably filled with turkey, dele- s and their hosts journeyed in the noon to the 7,000-seat Kitchener morial Stadium Auditorium for a ited Lutheran Rally." Speakers were Clarence C. Stoughton, president of enberg College, and Dr. Paul C. ie, executive director of the National eran Council. A digest of their re- ks is printed below.

MUSIC AT THE RALLY was provided by assed choir from the area's churches, r the direction of Dr. Ulrich Leu- , Waterloo Seminary professor who ed as convention organist. Also tak- part was the Kitchener-Waterloo phony Orchestra.

fter the rally, some delegates re- ed via the early train to Toronto. En e they enjoyed tasty box suppers ared by members of Kitchener rches. Others remained at Kitchener a Youth Night program at St. Mat- 's Church, at which representatives n eight boards and agencies of the ch spoke briefly on the manner in h the church's program is being neled and interpreted to youth.

uch praise was heard for the co- ation on the part of so many which e possible the trip, the rally, the din- and the other events of the day. Only p-operative element was the weather. lammy wind and occasional heavy vers—part of the same storm which he same day inundated Chicago— led the sightseeing portion of the trip.

ery man is important," s Dr. Stoughton

THERE ARE NO unimportant men in work of the Lord," Dr. Stoughton the rally.

"The amazing and consoling fact of Christian experience is that God will use us, whether we be important or unimportant in the eyes of the world, and in spite of weakness, smugness, complacency, timidity," Dr. Stoughton said.

The Ohio educator spoke of Christian stewardship in terms of God's call upon man's whole life and man's response to that Call. Summing up God's call in two sentences which a German theologian insisted summarized all theology—"I want you" and "I can use you"—Dr. Stoughton insisted that this demanded "that man turn and face God and answer Him."

"There is no way that man can avoid an answer, finally, to the steady, unremitting call of God upon His life. He may be silent, but even his silence speaks, usually of rejection. And rejection of God's call is the loss of the relationship with Him without which life has no meaning at all."

"AN AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER, in thanksgiving for the overwhelming gifts of God to man—work, good health, home and family, all the beauty of his life, the yearning for relationship with God, and above all, forgiveness—dare not be words alone. Deeds count. The proof of my faith is not in the professions of my lips, but in what I do for God as I serve my neighbor in love.

"Christian stewardship, then, is the fruit of my believing and grateful heart. It is doing the work of the Lord in every area of my life. It is the practice of the Christian faith. It is giving—total, complete, willing, glad, courageous giving. It is the joyous surrender of my life in an answer to His steadfast call that he can use me."

Man's supreme dignity, said Dr. Stoughton, is to be found "in the eternal

partnership, the partnership of a believing Christian with God."

Christian way is challenged, Dr. Empie reports

ATHEISTIC COMMUNISM, crass materialism, and resurgent nationalism preaching racial superiority, all challenge the Christian way of life, reported Dr. Empie.

"Military force may for a time defend us from their attack, but in the long run the only hope of victory lies in ideological counter-attack," he said.

HOW CAN American and Canadian Christians proclaim a God of justice and mercy, Dr. Empie asked, when they, themselves, live in prosperity and security, while "the great mass of mankind is cursed with malnutrition or persecution or ignorance or disease?

"It is not enough to attribute all suffering to sin—it wouldn't even be true," he went on. "It is a ridiculous over-simplification to say that in the Far East overpopulation always accompanies poverty and ignorance" and "absurd and hypocritical for the prosperous to advise the poverty-stricken not to measure their lives by the yardstick of material comforts, but rather to despise them and find solace in God." Such an attitude, Dr. Empie said, "is a certain formula to guarantee the victory of communism."

Christians, he said, must decide whether they will "advocate the jungle law or the law of Christian love," and face the consequences.

"Jungle law would mean that we will fight to keep what we have, regardless of the needs and rights of fellow-men," letting "brute force determine the outcome," Dr. Empie explained.

But he warned that "we would do well to consider that the 'have-nots' vastly outnumber the 'haves' in this world; th the white race is but a minority of t human race, and that with the rapid i dustrialization taking place in other n tions, the loss of our current top-positi in the race for power is but a matter time."

The alternative, Dr. Empie said, "is t law of Christian love," which urg Christians to "use power with a divi purpose."

"From the standpoint of self-inter alone," he said, "we would do well help Japan or any other beleaguered n tion to solve her problem, even if it mea —as it would—a stalling or tempora reverse in the rise of our own livi standards. It would cost us but a fracti of what a third World War would exac

TO ILLUSTRATE the results of wor wide Lutheran activities, Dr. Empie d scribed work in mission fields and gro ing young churches, particularly in tro ble areas like Africa where "the kniv of the Mau-Mau terrorists who ha sworn to exterminate white rule, a bloodiest from the slaughter of their f low Africans who refuse to join them

Indonesia, Dr. Empie went on, "mer tolerates Christianity at the moment, y the Batak Lutherans of Sumatra are t most literate group in the land and su ply a large proportion of educated lea ers."

"In East Germany the battle is m dramatic and significant," because "h is the most Protestant part of weste Europe waging battle to the death wi atheism," Dr. Empie said, explaining th thanks to aid from the Lutheran Wo Federation, East German Protesta were enabled to train thousands of ca chists to instruct children in religi after the Communist government had f bidden such instruction in schools.

World News Notes

Moslem chides Christians

A stir went through the sparsely occupied gallery in the UN Trusteeship Council chamber when a neatly dressed, scholarly-looking young gentleman asked quietly from his delegate's chair: "How far removed is South Africa's Dutch Reformed Church and its doctrine of racial supremacy from the Sermon on the Mount? How far removed is this unfortunate philosophy from the teachings of Christ?"

The question was asked by Awni Khalidy, Iraq's permanent representative to the UN. The occasion was a debate on South Africa's intention of annexing South West Africa, a former German colony which the League of Nations had entrusted over to the Union as a trust territory after World War I. South Africa has consistently refused to recognize UN jurisdiction over the area.

Ambassador Khalidy, a Moslem, spoke not for his government and for the Arab nations. "It is a source of pain," he said, "that a church which worships God and his law on earth should perpetrate the doctrine of racial inequality."

The almost unprecedented attack on a religious body in a UN debate was not motivated by concern for Christ's teachings. But endorsement given by the Dutch Reformed Church to Prime Minister Malan's segregation policy offered the basis for attack. The Iraqui delegate said that in places where some churches have similarly wandered from the basic principles of their faith, the "impact of opposing religions has served to bring them back to their elemental precepts." Mr. Khalidy did not elaborate. But he did say that the attitude of the church in South Africa would be closely watched by the Arab nations.

What Mr. Khalidy did not say—and a Catholic from Mexico reminded him of it—is that while the Dutch Reformed Church is the representative religious body of the white population, other Protestant groups active in the Union have spoken boldly against segregation. From Johannesburg came a strong protest: the Dutch Reformed churches "stand for a policy of separate development" for each ethnic group, but "try to give positive content to the doctrine of apartheid," it said.

Saar is key

People in the Saarland use the tongue-twisting word "Europeanization" these days with both surprising and reassuring frequency. The Saar issue has contributed its share to poisoning Franco-German relations in the past. It has also been a handy lever for Pan-Germanists inside Germany and out.

In 1935, the Saar plebiscite opened Hitler's march through Europe. In 1954, Franco-German agreement on the Saar must lay the foundation of the seven-nation alliance launched last month in London.

Under the compromise plan likely to be approved by Paris and Bonn, the Saar will be placed under the control of the Council of Europe as a preliminary step to its integration into a European political community.

German control of the Saar's mining and steel industry has been broken, partly under Allied pressure and partly because former owners sold out to foreign interests, including French, Swiss, Dutch and Swedish concerns.

Politically, the formerly dominant pan-Germanists have lost their hold over the electorate. —ROBERT E. HULDSCHINER

Washington

INTEGRATION TROUBLE AVERTE

As the Supreme Court opened a new term, its biggest job was to implement its decision that segregation in the public schools is contrary to the U.S. constitution. The court agreed unanimously to set aside the week of Dec. 6 for hearing further arguments on the method and timing of integration.

Meanwhile, the smooth progress of desegregation in Washington had struck a snag. Students at three high schools staged mass demonstrations and stayed away from classes in protest against mixing the races. For a while it looked as though there might be serious trouble.

Firm stand

A crisis was averted by the quiet but firm attitude of the school and police authorities. Superintendent of Schools Hobart M. Corning, at whose initiative integregation was begun this year, met the situation calmly. He issued a statement that integration would continue and appealed to the "judgment and citizenship" of the students and their parents to co-operate with the schools. He was backed up by a number of Washington clergymen.

The role of the police was to avoid violence. This they did with adroitness and tact. One police captain, William T. Murphy, took up his stand at the end of a bridge which a group of demonstrating students planned to cross to picket another school. Haranguing the marchers with a combination of joviality and firmness, he persuaded them to turn back.

In a few days, it was all over. The leader of the student protest promised to try to make integration successful. In yielding, he remarked: "Some of the parents have been pretty juvenile. I guess they hoped there'd be violence."

Troublemakers from outside

It was apparent that the demonstratio were not spontaneous. To some exte they were stimulated by parents wl wanted to resist the rapid movement t ward integration and used the studer as a "front." Even more, the impet came from professional troublemake who thrive on confusion and mass hy teria and who had invaded Washingt from other areas.

Chief among these "outsiders" w Bryant Bowles, the 34-year-old found of a group called "National Associati for the Advancement of White People The first major trouble which he stirr up was in Milford, Delaware, where similar student revolt resulted in t capitulation of the school authorities a the restoring of segregation.

In Baltimore, he made a bigger splas but with less success. There, as in Was ington, the school and police authorit had worked together to restore ord In both Baltimore and Washingt Bowles was in evidence among the de onstrators.

The law caught up with him. It w learned that Bowles had a police reco in Baltimore. In Delaware, he was rested and released on $6,000 bail on t charge of conspiring to violate the st education law. The Internal Reven Service served him with a summons appear and explain alleged failure to p federal income taxes.

Incidents like those in Washington v probably be repeated in various parts the country. A major social revoluti cannot take place quickly without trav Churches and church leaders should all they can to help make the transiti quiet and effective.

—ROBERT E. VAN DEUSEN

HURCHES CAN PREVENT DIVORCE

GEORGE H. STRALEY

More and more, ministers are learning that by saving marriages they may be saving souls, too

ORE THAN 300,000 divorces were ted last year in the United States, in a good many cases churches, and ch people, were indirectly to blame. requently, clergymen who could have ed wise counsel at a time of domes- risis failed to do so. Congregations could have shown more sympathy friendliness remained aloof. Church nizations that could have taken a e active interest in social adjustment blems were blind to their opportuni-

appily, there were churches and min- s that considered the saving of mar- es to be almost as important as the ng of souls, and gave valuable assist- to the troubled wives and husbands appealed to them. But too many per- who sought advice had the experi- of Mrs. X.

RS. X DISCOVERED her husband was ng an affair with a young woman in office where both worked. She con- l her discovery to her minister, and d him what she should do.

Jump in my car," said the minister— he drove to the plant with Mrs. X. re he rounded up both Mr. X and young woman and proceeded to be- them soundly. Mr. X walked away in ff. So did the young woman. So, too, Mrs. X. After this bad beginning, future attempts at reconciliation d. Both Mr. and Mrs. X left the church, and eventually they got a divorce.

This case is cited by Dr. Emily H. Mudd, director of the Marriage Council of Philadelphia, as a perfect example of how a well-meaning person, wanting to help but not knowing how, can seriously fumble.

"Both Mrs. X and her husband came to the Marriage Council a number of times," Dr. Mudd said, "but these visits were *after* the minister arranged his unfortunate showdown, and by then the damage had been done. If Mrs. X had only come to us first, or if her minister had sent her to us when she approached him, the whole situation might have been tackled with dignity, and a resolution acceptable to each partner worked out."

NOT ALL CITIES have a Marriage Council like Philadelphia's, but trained counselors are accessible in almost all sizable communities, and Dr. Mudd—who is president of the American Association of Marriage Counselors—believes more and more people are using them. Last year approximately 800 men and women called at the headquarters of the Marriage Council of Philadelphia, at 3828 Locust Street, for a total of 3,153 interviews with the staff of 16 part-time counselors.

More and more ministers are making use of the Marriage Council, too—not only for referral purposes, but for their own education. During the past year a number of clergy have taken postgradu-

ate training in marriage counseling under Dr. Mudd, so that they will be better able to give intelligent advice when problems arise among their parishioners.

The Marriage Council of Philadelphia is affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania, through the Division of Family Study, Department of Psychiatry, of the university's School of Medicine. Its primary purpose is to help men and women to a better understanding of what married life involves and thereby aid them in achieving a richer and more satisfying marriage relationship. Its services are available to all married people, and to those contemplating marriage, regardless of race, creed, or national origin. The staff consists of professionally trained marriage counselors working under the supervision of medical and legal committees composed of prominent physicians and lawyers.

INTERVIEWS are by appointment, and a small fee is charged. Fees make up about one-eighth of the basic income, although the non-profit Council derives some substantial support from public membership contributions. Grants from private foundations and appropriations from state and federal sources support the in-service training program through which ministers and other qualified professional people are trained in counseling techniques, and the research program which the staff is constantly carrying on to add to the store of information about marriage.

It also operates a lending library of carefully chosen volumes on marriage, family relations and personal adjustment.

"Our whole program is set up to make marriage more tenable," Dr. Mudd explains. "We're not set up specifically to prevent divorce, although there are cases in which we feel divorce has been averted through counseling."

SINCE POSTMARITAL counseling o shadows premarital counseling alm two to one in the agency's records, the spectre of constant friction and vorce that sends many couples to s help. Divorce is one of the top sc problems in the United States. Its has been increasing in a steady upw curve for the past 20 years, and reac an all-time peak in 1946 of 10.8 per per 1,000 population—or, more sig cantly put, the 610,000 divorces gra that year meant that almost one marr was breaking up for every three that w being accomplished. This peak resu from World War II, Dr. Mudd po out; always, during a war, the div rate drops, to mount proportionally mediately afterward.

Today's figure has declined somew from the 1946 mark, but it is still tr cally high. And Dr. Mudd estimates for every recorded divorce there is least one desertion on which no stati are available.

THE DIVORCE RATE varies in diffe parts of the country, among diffe kinds of people. Sometimes there regional conditions of economy or tional background that can be recogn as factors, but frequently the reasons inexplicable. Divorces in York cou Pennsylvania, for example—avera one to every three marriages—are "c siderably higher than the country large," Dr. Mudd says. But she a that there seems to be no reasonable planation why this is so.

More women than men go to the Ph delphia Marriage Council for help. average client is between the ages of and 25, and has been married from to five years. Most are Protestants; J ish people rank next, and Catholics th The majority have had some col education.

MARRIAGE COUNSELOR
Dr. Emily H. Mudd

heir problems frequently involve in-
—Dr. Mudd finds that over-depend-
on parents stands as the Number
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r person's needs and accept the part-
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n, children, finances, sex.

HE MARRIAGE COUNCIL has no sta-
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etimes send couples to their clergy-
. An Episcopalian herself, she be-

lieves that an active church life is important to the development of a well-rounded individual, and she believes there are certain areas in which the clergy are particularly well-fitted to counsel disturbed married couples. But neither she nor her staff recommend to clients any specific religious practice, such as prayer or Bible-reading.

"After all," she says, "all sorts of people come to us, and specific religious views are not universally acceptable. However, we do try to find out about the individual's religion, and his church contacts."

Dr. Mudd's experience bears out, she says, the truth of an observation cited by Dr. Ernest W. Burgess, of the University of Chicago, in his book, *Predicting Success or Failure in Marriage,* to the effect that there is often a positive correlation between good marriage adjustment and constant attendance at Sunday school and church. Others have seen the truth of this, too. The Very Rev. Louis M. Hirshson, dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford, Conn., once said: "I have known of 'church people' who became divorced. Yet . . . I have not known a single instance of those who have prayed and worshiped together, habitually, to have been separated."

WHEN DR. MUDD is asked to define the role of the church in strengthening family life, she likes to refer to a statement by the Rev. Troy M. Strong, of the First Methodist Church in Seattle, Wash. Mr. Strong spent a year with the Marriage Council of Philadelphia as a trainee in its in-service training program for counselors. He said:

"Traditionally the church has been looked to as a place to go for 'advice.' It is unfortunate that this word has been used so much, for it implies that some of us ought to be making decisions in the

lives of others, and it implies as well that there is a clear answer that can be had quite apart from the troubled situation. It is easy to fall into the trap of advice-giving. For the inquirer in trouble comes asking, 'What would you advise me to do, Pastor?' Too many answers begin, 'I would advise so and so . . .' There are those who believe that because of the authority of the church, it should tell people what to do. I agree this is an important function of religious authority. But in counseling we are not nearly so concerned with the 'oughts' as we are with the factors of motivation which will make it possible for a person to do what he wants or ought to do. The troubled soul usually is not asking what he ought to do (he probably knows that already) so much as he is asking how to do it."

Dr. Mudd believes the day is coming when ministers will be able to reply to that "how to do it" question much more intelligently than many of them are able to do today. She believes that seminaries will place more emphasis on training in marriage counseling, that more pastors will study the techniques and finesse of counseling in postgraduate programs such as the Marriage Council of Philadelphia offers, and that churches generally will take a cue from the Federal Council of Churches, which is extremely active and interested in promoting education in family life and marriage relationships.

NOT ALL MARRIAGE problems are intricate. Not all husbands and wives who consult Dr. Mudd and her staff are trying to ward off a divorce. Sometimes they're just trying to fill a simple void.

"We find many lonely people," Dr. Mudd says. "Some tell us that they went to churches that made them feel unwelcome, that they tried to find companion-

PASTORS CAN HELP
Religion is a big factor

ship in church groups that did not s to be interested in them."

What does that have to do with m riage and divorce? It's a subtle facto

"The feeling of being wanted is important," Dr. Mudd emphasi "Surely the churches can do someth about that." And from the well-stoc files of her office she digs up a cas point . . .

A young couple from Massachus moved to Philadelphia. They were N England Congregationalists, and t wanted to affiliate with a church of t denomination in the city. Not find any, they approached a church of other denomination. They went to s ices on three consecutive Sundays, sig the guest book, spoke with the minis and felt hurt because he "didn't even us where we lived." One night they tended a meeting of young adults, hav seen a notice of it in the church bulle but, though everyone was friendly,

invited us to join the organization." hen they tried another church. The ister promptly recognized them as gers and spoke to them after the ce. But, "after we told him we were gregationalists, he bluntly asked us we had come to his church. We felt weren't wanted and we didn't go ."

x months went by, and the disturbed le turned up at the Marriage Coun- They expressed themselves some- like this:

verywhere we go in this city we get cold shoulder. We can't make any ds, can't find any other couples to le with. In all the time we've been , the only person who has been gen- y friendly and interested in us is the rietor of a delicatessen who speaks en English. We have no marital lem. At least, not yet. But we are d that the discouraging social situa- may prove so frustrating as to breed on between us."

r the marriage counselor to whom couple spoke their woes, it was so le a matter as to be scarcely a prob- at all. He picked up the classified hone directory, turned to the rches" listing, and found that Phila- ia has five small Congregational ches. Selecting the one nearest to the couple's address, he phoned to the minister and briefly explained the situation. To the delighted clients he said: "They'll be looking for you there next Sunday morning, and you may be sure you'll be warmly welcomed."

NOT EVEN DR. MUDD is able to explain why people who were intelligent enough to analyze their feelings and express them so succinctly neglected to consult the telephone directory themselves. Or why they were able to locate the Marriage Council office when they were unable to locate even one of five Congregational churches. For that matter, it is not easy to understand why this couple could not make satisfactory friendships in their immediate neighborhood, or through contacts at the husband's place of employment.

"But the fact remains," Dr. Mudd says, "that individuals have their own peculiar sensitivities and failings, from which their own peculiar problems arise. Sometimes —most often—it takes a trained counselor to understand and solve these problems. Sometimes a sympathetic pastor and interested laymen can do the job. Most important of all is making them feel that someone cares what happens. In any case, bungling can ruin lives and permanently embitter souls."

IT IS ESTIMATED that nineteen million sleeping tablets are used each night in the United States to help people find sleep, and that eleven million pounds of aspirin are sold yearly in our drugstores to help people calm their nerves and headaches. Prayer can become a substitute to calm nerves and bring rest. Prayer is a means whereby a person takes his mind off himself, and draws on the power, love and wisdom of God.

—THOMAS S. KEPLER in *A Journey Into Faith* (Abingdon)

NEWCOMERS TO AMERICA WERE WELCOMED AT MANY SUMMER CONFERENCES

By PAUL C. WHITE

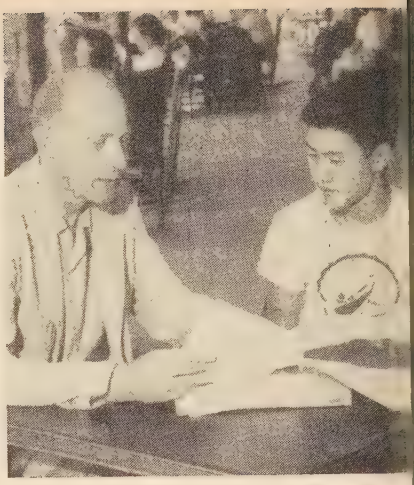
Refugees from Europe and Asia participated in summer camps as active workers in U.S. churches

THE SUMMER OF 1954 will long be remembered by the more than 1,000 church workers who enrolled in various types of summer assemblies and schools conducted on the territory of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England.

For the first time in the history of this summer program, six types of schools attracted leaders, including one new school —the Leadership School for the Western Conference of the synod held at Silver Lake, New York, the last week in August.

Other schools included the Lutheran Summer School for Church Workers at Silver Bay, Pinecrest Luther League Leadership School at Camp Beisler, New Jersey, the Syracuse District Luther League School at Camp Brockway, the Leadership School for the Greater Boston Area and the Luther League Workers' Retreat for the Mohawk Valley District Luther League.

A GREAT VARIETY of subjects find their way into the various leadership schools throughout the church and afford help for practically every phase of church work. However, in the New York and



Dr. Martin O. Dietrich talks with Choong refugee from North Korea, during Sun School for Church Workers at Silver Bay.

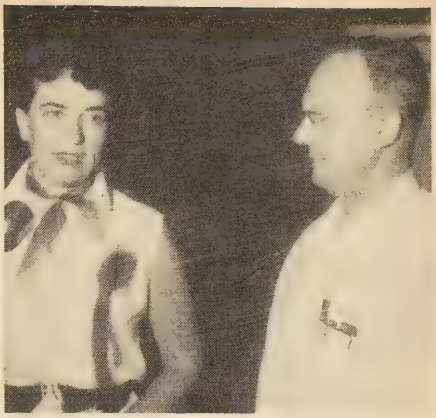
Mrs. Heinz Kugler, Latvian refugee now of a New Jersey pastor, and Miss Ann Hag refugee from Lithuania, confer at Silver about their experiences in coming to Amer

Dr. White is secretary of the United theran Synod of New York and New E land and directs its summer camp and c ference program.

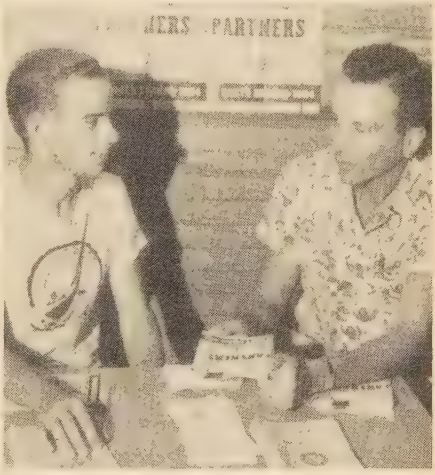
comers on the Lutheran scene, although refugees, are Stella the Steward and art the Steward. These two came to Silver with Mrs. Winifred Kaasa and are greeted he creator of these cartoon characters, A Stewardship Secretary Dr. Henry Endress.

England summer assemblies, one mon theme prevailed: the 25th anni- ary of the founding of the United od of New York and New England the need for increased support of benevolence program of the synod. emphasis was highlighted at Silver by Chester Myrom of the Lutheran men's Movement, who outlined the e stewardship program. Historian y J. Kreider and Synod President erick R. Knubel led conferences, ht courses and addressed the en- student body on the background of eranism in this region.

efugees and recent newcomers to the ed States attended these summer ols and shared in the program. At r Bay in July, a half-dozen such ers appeared and related their stories nding their way to the United States, ering the English language and now ng in their congregations. Among



Mrs. Annamarie Schmerel at public meeting describes life behind Iron Curtain during interview with author Dr. Paul C. White.



Robert Aageenbrug of Holland hears about youth work from Luther League Editor John Mangum. Former Hollander is now studying to prepare himself for ULCA ministry.

them was Mrs. Heinz Kugler, who had fled during the war from Latvia. She finally came to the United States and into the parsonage at St. Mark's, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Miss Ann Hageris could not remember distinctly, for she was only two years of age when her parents carried her out of Lithuania, ahead of the Rus-

sian invasion. The family lived as refugees in Bavaria, Germany, before finally arriving at Dolgeville, New York, and joining the Lutheran congregation there. Now sixteen years of age, she represented her congregation well at Silver Bay.

Young Choong Park described life in Korea as a refugee during the war and told of the aid that had been received by him and his parents from Protestant sources supported in part by Lutheran World Action. Robert Aageenbrug, a student for the ULCA ministry, told of life in his native country, Holland, during the occupation by the German forces. Mrs. Annamarie Schmerel had the unique experience of recently finding her way back behind the Iron Curtain in Germany to visit relatives and loved ones. She described church life there as she saw it.

LUTHER LEAGUERS at Pinecrest Leadership School, for the first time in their history, had a German war bride as a member of the group. Herman Lindemann, a recent U.S. soldier and a member of Good Shepherd Church, Brc lyn, had arrived in the United St with his bride, the former Dorot Weimann of Bremerhaven, on Aug 1954. Three weeks later she was an thusiastic member of the Luther Lea group at Pinecrest. Mr. Elike Taky teacher from Muhlenberg Training stitute, Liberia, Africa, was also a of the Pinecrest group, giving infor tion about mission work and learn about church life in America.

Perhaps these illustrations will s to picture the growing group of Lut ans from other lands who have migr to the United States and are taking active work in congregations. The s mer gives unique opportunity for l numbers of young people and adult enroll in summer schools and assemb where help may be given to increase effectiveness of their service to the l congregation. It was heartening to serve the newcomers to the United St who joined in this type of training du the past summer.

God Rules Even the Storms of Life

By RALPH W. LOEW

Confusing problems today cause men to fear the voyage life, when all the time they have a safe vessel in which to tr

THERE'S A LURE ABOUT a seacoast and a harbor, especially if you grew up in the Midwest and saw the ocean only when you were past childhood. A cluttered fishing village, the jumble of little boats, the confusion of many masts and the strange sails, all have their particular meaning, and give one a vicarious sense of adventure. The stories of generations of fishermen—the widow's walks on the old houses where anxious wives watc for the return of their men—these many others are symbols of a part of life that has become a memorable tion of Americana.

Such a harbor is a good place to t about today's problems. We are b into times which seem to have a co sion of forces and problems so great they defy conclusion. It's a time w

ocean of doubt is so large and the
e ships of faith so tiny.

T MUST HAVE BEEN at such a place
Ella Wheeler Wilcox wrote:

I will not doubt, though all my ships
at sea
Come drifting home with broken
masts and sails;
I shall believe the Hand that never
fails . . ."

faith like this is never easily achieved
is it blind credulity. It's the faith of
who recognizes trouble, but is deter-
ed to keep the waves outside the ship.
the conviction of one who knows
"nothing can separate me from the
of God."

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that we try to measure the greatness
our problems and so get scared off.
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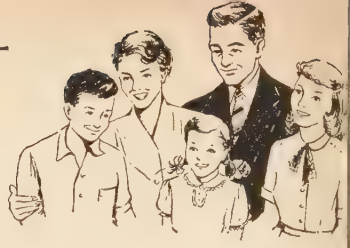
ions. They sailed down along the
sts of Ireland—they crossed the ocean
ey reported in their stories "wonder strands of sparkling sands." Men now believe that those "wonder strands" were the long and amazing beaches of Cape Cod, where 300 miles of sparkling sands glistened in the sunlight then as now. Whether they saw those sands or not, the great adventures these Vikings had came because they trusted their little barks out on the great and measureless deeps. They didn't try to take a yardstick and measure the ocean—they learned to sail.

A casual look at most of our worries, our lack of adventure, our timidity in trying the bold new "launching out" of life, generally reveals that we have been so busy talking about the ocean of our problems that we forgot that we had a boat. "O ye of little faith," cried Jesus.

The security we seek is not safety in a snug harbor with never another voyage. It is not an unrealistic prayer—"Let there be never another storm on my ocean." Nor is it an idolatrous wish that our boat will be bigger than our neighbors'. It is the simple trust that when I have a sense of reverence—a willingness to be used and a knowledge of great values to match the fierce restlessness of life, the voyage will never be outside God's love and care.

WE ARE SO MUCH THE VICTIMS of shallow moods, easy glum, easy glow. We are so given to a brand of discouragement that forgets God, or a brand of hope that ignores God. And neither of those moods is worth the effort. Neither is Christian. Neither is creative. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays we munch over the headlines and feel our own pulse, and scan our own diggings, and grant all a pessimistic shudder. It is a barbarous jungle, it is a miserable outlook, it is a hopeless prospect. Surely, in these Monday moods of easy pessimism, Christ longs to step up to us right there and fairly shout at us. "Man, is your memory that short? Of course, it's a struggle. I always told you it would be. But there are right now great, good forces at work around you. There are redemptive facts and powers at work with you. And what is really right is going to prosper, because it happens to be sponsored by Almighty God!"

—From *The Salty Tang* by FREDERICK B. SPEAKMAN (Revell)



Unanswered Questions

When Claire Mawson knocked at the door I was too much surrounded by Halloween costumes to budge. "Come on in," I called, "the door's open."

Claire was dressed for going places. Her red topper looked very gay. "Just remembered Dan has your car and thought you might want a lift to the store or something. I have to pick up Charlie's suit at the cleaners and get a few things at the drugstore. What are you making? Halloween costumes?"

"Not making them. Shortening and lengthening. It's just a basting job, really. Why, come to think of it, I do need a few things. I was going to send Pete on his bike later, but I hate to have him riding through the afternoon traffic on Main Street."

"And if other motorists are like me, they hate to have him there. I'd rather meet the most enormous moving van in the world than a youngster on a bicycle in traffic."

"O.K. It won't take me long to get ready. Want to wait here?"

"Thanks but I'll get the car out and meet you around front."

The telephone was ringing and I was tempted not to answer it. However, my conscience and my curiosity always seem to conspire against me. I lifted the receiver. "Connie?" said Mrs. Schmidt. "Weren't you on the altar committee the last time we used the red covers?"

I took time to smile about Mrs. Schmidt and her "covers" while I tried to think back to the last time I had served. She says she's too old to learn newfang words like "paraments" and what's difference, so long as she puts them straight? Mrs. Ittel tried valiantly to c vince her that the word was practica as old as the custom of using differ colors for different seasons of the chu year. No luck. Mrs. Schmidt is an dividualist—for which most of us l her all the more. She's still putting "c ers" on the altar.

"Goodness!" I exclaimed after fish around in my memory for a bit, "I'll they are still at the cleaners. There v some candle grease dripped on th somehow. I'll check with Mrs. McI who served with me, but I'm pretty s we never got them back."

"Well, could you find out about the We have to have red for Reformat Sunday, you know."

"Why, so we do! Poor Luther! tween thinking about Halloween and C Scout Vespers, I'd forgotten all ab Reformation Sunday. But I'll check on that this morning. Claire is wait to take me downtown now. I'll call y before noon."

As I hung up, I could see Claire w ing in her car. From the porch I call "Patience, neighbor! I'll be there in flash!" And it was really hardly m than that before I was seated beside and we were on our way.

"Too bad to hold you up," I apo gized. Then I explained the nature my phone call.

"I'll ask about them when I go

rlie's suit," she volunteered.

Ve parked quite easily in a spot that as nearly halfway between the clean- and the market as anyone could im- ne. "Nice going," I congratulated her.

When I returned to the car, she was her up the block talking with a woman two boys I had never seen before. oked in her direction for a minute, n tried the door handle. The car was ed. I put my bundles on the side- k to wait. She couldn't be gone long. he woman in the driver's seat of the right behind us leaned forward. "You sed all the excitement. If your friend n't stepped in I guess I would, but I afraid of getting mixed up somehow n the courts. So much red tape and But you can't let a kid get killed t before your eyes."

Ty jaw must have dropped practically ny waist, for the woman laughed. ah. Looks peaceful enough now, 't it? But you should ha' been here ouple minutes ago. Woman and kid es out of the market over there. Kid n' bloody murder, 'Mommy, please, se, do your shoppin' ' and after every d she hollers back, 'Shut up!' and ks him one across the face."

hen I remembered seeing them in store. The boy had been coaxing something and his mother snapped im, "Another word out of you and l go home without anything and we'll how your dad likes that!"

Ty informant, not at all reluctant to me the details, was going on with story. I guess it helped her to get it of her system. "It was hard enough ng here and seeing her slap his face. then she twisted his nose and started ig his face with her nails. I thought she'd get his eyes. It was real piti- Here your friend and I sat, each of vith one leg out the car, ready to go over and each one waiting for the other to go first. Then she went and everything calmed down quick as you please."

"How horrible! Why, she must be insane! But she did calm down?"

"Sweet as peaches. 'Why, my goodness, I don't know what got into the boy. All I want is for him to be quiet.' Then your friend says, real low, but her voice sort of carried, 'He can't stop. He's hysterical. Isn't there something I can do to help you both? Sometimes an outsider can help, you know.' "

By this time Claire had turned my way. Her face was flaming but she was walking slowly and carefully. The woman had turned back toward the store. The boys, one tearstained and bearing the marks of his mother's hands, the other whitefaced and big-eyed, climbed into the car.

It was odd to see Claire, usually so calm, shaking so she could hardly unlock the car doors. "Funny what you'll do under stress. I was telling myself not to do anything foolish, to move slowly and try to bring some Christian love into the situation. I moved so slowly I actually took time to lock the car before I walked over there!"

"What a horrible, horrible experience!"

"Horrible is right! I just hope I haven't made it worse for the youngster when she gets him home."

She sat for a moment, her hands gripping the wheel till her knuckles gleamed white, then backed out into the home-going traffic. "And there are some people who don't believe in the devil!"

For a time she concentrated on her driving. It wasn't till we were turning into her driveway that she gave me a look of utter dismay. "I never took that woman's license number or anything. I haven't the faintest idea who she was or how to stop her from such a thing again."

KNOW THE BIBLE

A SERIES OF COMPARISONS OF THE KING JAMES AND REVISED STANDARD BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

By RALPH D. HEIM

Read NEHEMIAH 9.

EVERY LANGUAGE has its idioms—characteristic ways of saying things, different from the forms of expression in another language. Sometimes the idioms are mechanical details of structure like putting the verb at the end of a sentence. Sometimes they go more deeply and reflect a people's view of things.

Sometimes, too, idioms are colorful expressions, akin to figures of speech. These may be entirely misunderstood by a stranger who takes the words for what they denote among his own people or even in the literal speech of the other. We say "my foot slipped" when we make an error that has nothing to do with our feet. What would an Arab make of it?

ALL TYPES of idiom are abundant in both testaments. They make perpetual problems for a translator. He must have the penetration to discover what really was meant. Then he needs ingenuity to express the message of the writer. He can do one of two things: put the biblical words into precise and literal English, requiring the reader to use a commentary for the real sense; or he can translate the meaning of the biblical writer into meaning for the present-day man.

The latter method is known as paraphrase, a free rendering of a passage into other words. Although every translation includes a certain amount of this, the revisers tell us that they tried to keep it at a minimum in the Revised Standard Version.

(King James Version)

But when the first came, they suppos
that they should have received more; a
they likewise received every man a pen

And when they had received it, they m
mured against the goodman of the house

Saying, These last have wrought but o
hour, and thou hast made them equal u
us, which have borne the burden and h
of the day.

But he answered one of them, and sa
Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not th
agree with me for a penny?

Take that thine is, and go thy way: I
give unto this last, even as unto thee.

Is it not lawful for me to do what I
with mine own? Is thine eye evil, beca
I am good?

(Revised Standard Version)

Now when the first came, they thought th
would receive more; but each of them a
received a denarius. And on receiving
they grumbled at the householder, sayi
"These last worked only one hour, and
have made them equal to us who have bo
the burden of the day and the scorch
heat." But he replied to one of th
"Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did
not agree with me for a denarius? T
what belongs to you, and go; I choose
give to this last as I give to you. Am I
allowed to do what I choose with what
longs to me? Or do you begrudge
generosity?" (Matthew 20:10-

One example of it is the new renderi
of what the King James Version tra
lates literally as "single eye" and "e
eye." The clue to the matter is th
Palestinians regarded the eye as the s
of greed or its opposite!

Actually two types of usage appear
the RSV. In the Sermon on the Mou
(Matthew 6:22, 23), the revisers s
it was impossible to reproduce the co
plete meaning. So we have "sound" a
"unsound" eye. The printed passage u
paraphrase and gives the exact meani

rsonal Problem Clinic

ıcation?

UESTION: When I was in high school I nded to go to college upon graduation. ad in mind making a good preparation a career, perhaps in business. A few s after commencement I met the vice ident of a local manufacturing concern told him of my plans. He assured me going to college would be a waste of e, that in business every one must start he bottom and work his way up, learning the angles as he goes. He insisted that ıe way to get a real preparation for later ess. On this advice I took a position this company and have been working beginner's position ever since.

have been here for six months and am dissatisfied. I wish I had gone to col-. My father and mother were ready to me as far as I needed assistance. I wondering whether I didn't make a mis- in taking the official's advice.

REPLY: There are some "practical men" hose education has been limited, but ho, by narrow concentration on imme- ate needs, have accomplished what they nsider "success." They are sometimes ady to say that education is unnecessary. hey reach their conclusions on the basis how they have fared financially and in sition in their group. Often enough, owever, they are unaware of what they ve lost, of how different their homes d cultural life might have been, and of w much more they might have accom- ished if they had had the benefit of a tter education.

Consult with your high school adviser, a college personnel officer, and ask em on the basis of your record to give u guidance. If they give you the green ht and your desire for higher education strong, you will be justified in giving your job in favor of four years of hard rk in college. You are young and there no need for you to hurry. Over the ars you will almost certainly have a ore satisfactory life.

Young people ought to get their advice from persons who are qualified to give it and to avoid "off-the-cuff" pronouncements from persons who are often too eager to offer counsel. A whole life and career may depend on such advice.

Knowing everything

QUESTION: Ronald, five, thinks I know everything. He implies it again and again, and sometimes is quite explicit about it. One day when he asked me a perplexing question I replied "I don't know." Then he said, "You know but you don't want to tell me." Now I don't want him to credit me with omniscience, for one of these days he's going to have a rude awakening when he finds out my limitations. Neither do I want him to feel that I deliberately withhold information from him.

What is the best way to straighten out this double misunderstanding?

REPLY: It won't be long until Ronnie discovers how limited is the information possessed by almost all adults. He will similarly find out that your assertion is true, that you do not know, that you are really not holding out on him.

But you can facilitate Ronnie's understanding and adjustment to the new facts by having a candid, pleasant, casual talk with him. Explain in simple words that no one but God knows everything, that we find things out little by little through study, reading, experience, experimenting, and getting help from others. Tell how you have been learning through the years, that you still have a great deal to learn. Help him to realize that it is that way with everyone, and that it will be that way with him also. Assure him that you want to help him in every way possible and to give him whatever information you have (as far as he can understand). In the meanwhile go as far as you can in improving your abilities to serve as his counselor and instructor.

—EARL S. RUDISILL

Cure for Complacency

Thy Mission High Fulfilling. By Henry B. Luffberry. Muhlenberg Press. 130 pages. $1.50.

Now and then a book appears which challenges the life of the whole church to the pew of the most remote congregation. *Thy Mission High Fulfilling* accuses us of "spiri complacency." It not only accuses us, which is easy, but also skillfully shows us the out, which is difficult.

Thy Mission High Fulfilling holds the mirror steadfastly to our face. Strangely, w it shows us our wrinkles and blemishes, when we lay this mirror aside we remember having seen the wondrous kingdom of God which our Lord has placed within us. This is no mere gripe session, accusing "them" of neglecting the sacraments, of shoddy worship, of lack of outreach in education, and in witnessing to men and their works. It is skillful self-examination, which prods and probes to heal and strengthen, to restore vision and to renew power. The sacrament and the Common Service, evangelism and parish education, and community life become highways for the ambassadors of Christ to move toward higher achievement.

"Yielded lives" are compellingly called for. They are in turn defined as lives that yield an abundant harvest. Synods would invest wisely if they would place this book in every congregation. It will instruct and encourage each pastor, church councilman, congregational leader. The mediocre will come to deplore their mediocrity and do something about it. The "leading" congregations will lose their complacency.

The style of this book meets the modern temper in pastor and layman alike. It is literally resourceful. The final pages provide these headings: "Discuss These Things," "Do These Things," "Read These"—with additional "Show These"—audiovisual aids. It is a specific book. It is frankly and solely for the members of the United Lutheran Church.

The ULC Committee on Faith and Life, which provided in its report the ground from which this book took its rise, ought to be a standing committee of the United Lutheran Church, if for no other reason, to produce books such as this. A similar committee should find a place in every synod and e congregation. Self-examination ought to be a random technique but a perma policy.

DONALD E. ELDE

Indianapolis

Why Not Parochial Schools?

The Churches and the Schools. By Franc Curran. Loyola University Press. 152 pages.

This book, one of the Jesuit Studies in Arts and Sciences, is a historical study the relationship of American Protestan to popular elementary education. The thor maintains that in their voluntary render to the state of control over the ular elementary and secondary sch American Protestant churches made a r lutionary departure from the policy, t tional to all Christian churches in Eur

In this book an effort is made to find planations for this development throug careful study of official records of at seven Protestant churches and of the of at least sixteen influential Protestant ligious journals. The history of the v of the various Lutheran churches in United States in attempting to provide p chial education is not studied at le Father Curran found that a definite s had been made recently in Walter B *Lutheran Elementary Schools in the U States* (Concordia, 1939), and that it unnecessary for him to retrace Beck's s

One gains the impression from this that an important reason for the lac Protestant parochial schools in the U States lies in the unwillingness of estants, both in the clergy and laity, to r the sacrifices required to establish and n

such schools. It is true that a century American Protestants could insist justifi- that the dominant element in the total erican culture was that of Protestantism, this cultural force inevitably would e its way into the public school class- n and that, as a result, the Protestant chial school was unnecessary. But it is ubtful if many would attempt to maintain a proposition today.

n the whole this book represents a sober objective review of the historical record. uch, it is an important contribution to understanding of a significant contem- ry problem—that of the relationship of churches to public education.

owson, Md. MAHLON H. HELLERICH

de for Church School Teachers

Adventure With People. By Ferris E. olds. Christian Education Press. 96 pages. 1.

r. Reynolds believes a layman may be a skilled teacher of religion and he in plain words and specific directions in which teachers of youth and adults become such teachers.

ne book is divided into three parts. First "he Adventure." Here the author states, extent of a teacher's influence is in- alable, yet often it turns out to be a de- e factor in the lives of his students. very unknown quantity of one's pos- influence over members of his class to the excitement of teaching." . . . Jesus, teaching was an adventure, fas- ing and full of life . . . The truths he were too exciting to keep to himself his teaching was the result." Many we have heard it said that little is mbered of the subject matter, but the ier stands as a guidepost in life.

rt Two: "The Teacher's Workshop," ibes practical teaching methods and and the best ways to use them. There chapters on Preparing the Lesson and Lesson Plan, which would be invalu- to the beginner teacher and thought- oking to the "veteran" teacher.

ne last part: "Getting the Job Done," of ways in presenting the lesson that will stimulate discussion and guide the teacher in keeping order and covering the lesson to the conclusion planned.

This book is one that every pastor, parish worker or Sunday school superintendent will want to give to new teachers to read, or to pass on to those who have become disturbed or discouraged in their teaching. A review of this book at a teachers' meeting would be excellent. BERTHA A. L. WEBER

Reading, Pa.

Sermon Material

Worship Resources for the Christian Year. Edited by Charles L. Wallis. Harper. 483 pages. $4.95.

Pastors are usually happy to find a resource book that contains fresh material of a high standard, suitable for sermon illustrations, worship services, sermon outlines, and the like. They'll therefore be grateful to the Rev. Mr. Wallis, who is professor of English at Keuka (N. Y.) College and pastor of the college church, for this work.

It contains prayers, poems, and brief messages from a wide variety of sources. The latter will provide either sermon illustrations or outline suggestions. The quality of the material is good. The quotations come from classic sources such as Fenelon or Luther and from modern preachers like Buttrick, Stamm, McCracken and Scherer.

The poems include famous hymns and classical verses, sprinkled with gems of light verse. For Stewardship Sunday, for example, there are seven selections, including a parody on Hamlet's soliloquy which begins:

"To pledge or not to pledge, that is the question.
Whether 'tis nobler in a man
To take the Gospel free and let another foot the bill,
Or sign a pledge and pay toward church expenses . . ."

It should be noted that the order follows the "Christian Year" rather than the traditional church year. In addition to the major festivals, Sundays are designated by such titles as Missionary Sunday, Christian Unity Sunday, World Order Day, and the like.

Philadelphia A. P. S.

OVERSEAS

Building Boom in France

FRANCE: Strasbourg. September 15.— A CHANGE in church government and rapid church expansion are the news items from Alsace-Lorraine this summer. One of the rarest changes in any French church government took place at the beginning of August, when the presidency of the Lutheran Church of Alsace-Lorraine changed hands. The presidency, which is a lifetime post instituted in with the concordat between church and state by Napoleon in 1806, had been held since 1936 by Mr. Robert Hoepffner. This summer he laid down his office on account of old age and has now been succeeded by Mr. Etienne Jung, until now secretary of the Prefecture (governor's office) of the Moselle district.

Mr. Jung, who is 46 years of age, is a lawyer by training and a professional civil servant, thus complying with the concordat which rules that the president must be a layman. A pastor, on becoming president, would be required to give up his ministerial office, secure legal training, and be appointed by the government.

IN A PUBLIC MESSAGE to the church authorities and pastors, published soon after his appointment, the new president has drawn attention to the fact that the church of our times frequently needs to use new methods of work and try out new activities, while seeking to maintain continuity with the past and avoid useless innovations. The pastors scattered up and down the country, the message goes on to say, though they may not receive the new president's visit as rapidly as might be desirable, should feel that the church authorities are there to help them in their parochial ministry.

From his time as secretary of the Prefecture, the president knew that immigrants from not less than 47 countries made up a large part of the mining and industrial population of Lorraine. Dr. Igor Bella, Lutheran World Federation representative, visited the new president soon after his inauguration and with him visited church extension p ects, some of them in newly developed h ing estates around the industrial center Lorraine, others on the growing subur fringe of Strasbourg.

In Lorraine, Protestants are nume among the immigrant workmen. In o parts of the country even the native po lation is on the move, with the result many parishes are becoming too big have to be split up. Others need more one church or church hall. New Luth communities are coming into being in a that until not so long ago were 100 per Roman Catholic. Building projects in areas are more numerous this year ever before. "I was amazed by the chu building activity," said Dr. Bella.

WHERE the local parish is unable to fin these projects alone, the central fina organization of the Lutheran Church Alsace-Lorraine steps in. This organiza collects voluntary contributions from church members, for purposes not co by the official government subsidies, w go mostly to pay the pastors' salaries. from the Lutheran World Federation especially from its U.S. Committee is a able for a few selected projects.

Though local civil authorities often ply the building plots, the main finance always supplied by the local congregat the members of which more often than freely give of their time and money also undertake a large share of the a construction work themselves.

"The main material used in building parsonage was love," one of the pastors to the visitors from Strasbourg. State a available for certain war-damaged chu that have been or are being rebuilt. main factor in the building activity, ever, is that the church is rapidly ada to changed conditions. Originally a la rural community with a parochial orga tion, partly dating from the middle ag is reorganizing and getting ready the p cal equipment needed to meet the chal of the industrial 20th century.

—PETER FRAENK

HINGTON, D. C.

in Installation Occurs Luther Place Church

By RUTH E. BLACKBURN

HISTORIC Luther Place Memorial h, a twin installation took place Sept. Dr. Walter B. Freed and the Rev. r G. Marz became pastor and assistant respectively. Both came from St. 's Church in Charlotte, N. C. Dr. Freed degrees from Gettysburg College and ary. He served Trinity Church, castle, Pa.; St. Paul's Church, Wil- on, N. C.; and St. Mark's Church, otte, N. C. He is vice president of the of Parish Education.

tor Marz graduated from Lenoir College and Mt. Airy Seminary, l as student pastor at Immanuel h, Philadelphia, and in the Lutheran ment House there before going to otte, N. C., as assistant pastor. These nen fill the places left vacant by Dr. lph Tabor who went to First Church ltimore Jan. 1, and the Rev. Albert R. ardt who became pastor of Trinity h, Baltimore, Sept. 1.

E DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA has had its of visitors who came for the Evans- ssembly: Dr. Regin Prenter, chairman Lutheran World Federation Commis- n Theology, and professor of theology University of Aarhus, Denmark; Dr. s Vajta, director of the department ology of the LWF; Dr. K. Sitompul, al secretary of the Batak Church of tra; and Dr. N. Arne Bendtz, who has several years in Indonesia for LWF. Sitompul and Bendtz discussed the re- s, political, and social situation in esia with top United States govern- leaders.

op Ellis Gideon Gulin, Finland, and nd Mrs. Rajah B. Manikam of India at the two-day missions workshop sponsored by the Washington Federation of Churches. This series of meetings included public forums and separate gatherings for clergymen, for women, and for laymen.

MANY NEW PASTORS have come to the District of Columbia area. The Rev. C. Philip Seltzer came to St. Mark's and Incarnation Church from the Eastern Shore of Maryland . . . The Rev. Ray E. Blanset was called to establish a new congregation in the Congress Heights area, and the Rev. Robert E. Hook has just formed the new Church of Our Savior in the Temple Hills area . . . The Rev. Franklyn Morris, a Hamma graduate, will serve a 15-month interneship as director of youth activities at St. Paul's Church, Dr. Henry W. Snyder pastor.

DONALD OLSON, a Chicago Seminary graduate, has joined the Lutheran Inner Mission Society as student pastor for a year's training in Lutheran welfare work. He will visit Lutheran patients and conduct services in hospitals and institutions . . . The Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill has installed the Rev. Donald W. Prigge as associate pastor. Mr. Prigge, a graduate of Gettysburg College and Seminary, served as pastor of Mount Tabor Church, Baltimore, after a term as chaplain for Lutheran students at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York.

CARMEN LOVRE, daughter of Rep. Harold O. Lovre of South Dakota, was chosen queen of the 43rd annual farm and home week at Cornell University where Carmen is a sophomore. The Lovre family are members of St. Luke's Church in suburban Silver Spring.

St. Luke's Church, Silver Spring, dedicated its educational building and its remodeled church nave recently. Dr. R. H. Gerberding, secretary of the Board of American Missions, preached.

The annual synod-sponsored church councilmen's meeting was attended by 98 men, women, and pastors.

PEOPLE

DR. RICHARD H. HEINDEL, Lutheran historian and educator, started making history when he was a freshman at Gettysburg College. Having a theme to write, he consulted the 27 volumes of Ruskin's letters and essays in the college library and wrote a piece called *The Impact of the United States on John Ruskin.*

This was the beginning of a career concerned with studying the influence of the United States on other nations. His interest first took him to London to set up the first of the U.S. government's libraries in foreign countries. In 1945 he came to Washington, D. C., as chief of the Division of Libraries and Institutes. Two years later he walked up to Capitol Hill to join the professional staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Since 1950 he has been staff deputy director of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, Department of State.

Now he has a new job which may give him time enough in a quiet study to write about what he has seen and heard. Since July 1 Dr. Heindel has been dean of the University of Buffalo College of Arts and Sciences, Buffalo, N. Y.

DISTINGUISHED veteran of 25 years' service to the Lutheran Brotherhood insurance organization is Fred C. Mueller, secretary and

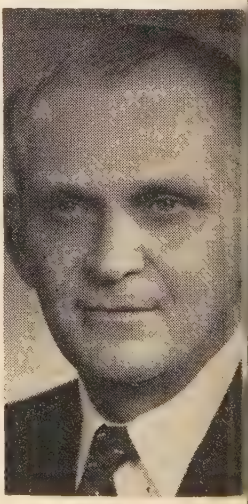
assistant treasurer of the organization.

Mr. Mueller joined the staff on Oct. 1, 1928, when the amount of life insurance in force was only 6 per cent of its present volume. The company then known as Luther Union was only nine months old. He has held a variety of positions in the society, including that of assistant editor of the *Bond.*

Long an active and influential layman in the ULCA, Mr. Mueller director and secretary the Board of Northwe Seminary, now serving seventh three-year term is a member of the Boa Pensions of the ULCA. 14 years he was superi dent of the Sunday sc of St. John's Church, neapolis, and is now its retary.

NAMED international ident of the United Workers, AFL, is Earl ton, former director of gion 8 of the UAW Decatur, Ill. At Dec First Church five years Mr. Heaton was bap and welcomed into mem ship by the Rev. Rolan Reichmann, then pastor

Mr. Heaton's Chri faith expressed itself he recently wrote to P Reichmann, "I only that I will be strong en to conduct myself in thi according to the instruc I received from you . .



JCKY-TENNESSEE

Parish Will Be Split

By ROGER G. IMHOFF

ISVILLE—Meeting in special session at Trinity Church, Nashville, Nov. 2, will discuss three major items of con- President G. D. Busch has announced lination, plans for division of a parish or approval of the financing of the parsonage bought last summer.

ed to be ordained is Boyd Gibson, a f First Church, Louisville, who will at Millington, a suburb of Memphis, e Board of American Missions. The ncludes a large naval air base.

od executive committee seeks approval splitting of one of synod's oldest par- soon to function as Jenkins-Shofner's irst-Crowell's.

aker will be Dr. Newman S. Scryer, itor of the *Pastor*, Methodist publica- He will report on the Evanston As- y.

SION POSSIBILITIES at Owensboro, Ky., the Donnelson area of Nashville are investigated by the synod committee.

isville Lutherans will sponsor a Refor- n Rally at Trinity Church, Oct. 31.

nany Church, Louisville, the Rev. Her- ndres pastor, celebrated its 50th anni- y Sept. 12.

h Church, Lexington, the Rev. John ter pastor, dedicated its new $100,000 g Sept. 19. The Rev. Donald Houser cago was the speaker.

NITY CHURCH, Louisville, the Rev. Till- Williams pastor, has turned its old par- into a modern parish house, and con- a leadership school every Sunday. f Trinity's members, Miss Dorothy ach, is synod's new children's division ry.

ly installed pastors in synod are John e, Third Church, and Eugene Boll- Faith Church, Louisville.

OD has purchased a president's home Regis Park, a Louisville suburb, to President and Mrs. G. D. Busch

Pastor Roger G. Imhoff left New York by plane Oct. 5 for Germany where he will serve with five others from the United States for the Lutheran Refugee Service. He will return early in December. This assignment caused him to miss the Toronto convention, his first absence from a ULCA convention since 1932.

moved July 1 . . . St. Mark's, Newport, Ky., has built an $8,000 parsonage for Pastor and Mrs. W. L. Harmony.

MARYLAND

Two Churches Relocate

By LLOYD M. KELLER

BALTIMORE—Baptists will take over the property to be vacated by St. Paul's Church, the Rev. Hugo W. Schroeder pastor. The congregation voted to sell its property at Longwood and Baker streets for $90,000. A down payment of $10,000 has been made by the White Stone Baptist Church. Construction will begin soon at the new location on Liberty Road.

Reformation Church, the Rev. Carroll S. Klug pastor, has also sold its property and will relocate in northeast Baltimore.

Salem Church, the Rev. Wilbur V. Newby

MARYLAND . . .

pastor, broke ground for a $175,000 parish education building Sept. 12.

THE REV. ALBERT R. BURKHARDT was installed as pastor of Trinity Church, West Baltimore, Sept. 12. Dr. Philip S. Baringer is pastor emeritus.

The Rev. L. David Bollinger was installed as associate director of the Lutheran Inner Mission Society of metropolitan Baltimore in St. Peter's Church, Sept. 19.

Miss Dorothy E. Stache of Charleroi, Pa., has been called to be director of religious education at Second Church, the Rev. Roland W. Renkel pastor.

Augsburg Church, the Rev. J. Leon Haines pastor, received a bequest of $1,000 from the estate of Mrs. Grace Wilhide, and $400 from the Ernest R. Weaver estate.

MRS. MABEL B. FENNER, missionary education secretary for the Board of Parish Education, was leader at a number of meetings in Baltimore churches Oct. 17-20.

Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the National Lutheran Council, was the speaker at the Baltimore Reformation rally in the Armory Oct. 24.

Women's Missionary Society of the Maryland Synod held its annual convention at St. John's Church, Hagerstown, Oct. 20-21.

Alumnae of the Baltimore Deaconess School met at Ruxton, Maryland, Sept. 9-12 for their triennial program. Thirty-six members attended, most of whom are in active service in the church as parish workers, parish secretaries, pastors' wives, and institutional workers.

Using the report of the ULCA Committee on Faith and Life as a basis, the group examined the condition of the local congregation and their part in its improvement. The Rev. Henry B. Luffberry, Drexel Hill, Pa., author of the study book, *Thy Mission High Fulfilling*, presented the keynote address. He urged those present to "look within to find out what is wrong and look above to find help to correct the trouble."

"HOW CAN WE STRENGTHEN the faith and life of the local congregation?" This question was applied to five areas of the church: "In its use of the means of grace," by Ida Miller, parish worker, Holy Com Church, Baltimore; "In personal witn for Christ," Mrs. Henry Einspruch, J Mission, Baltimore; "In its influence c moral and spiritual welfare of the munity," Sister Catherine Neuhardt, Baltimore Deaconess School; "In its ciation of the liturgy," Dr. H. D. H Gettysburg; "In its educational prog Miss Beatrice Morrow, instructor a school. Sister Catherine Stirewalt le Bible study.

The program was planned by the tive committee composed of Miss H Spangler, New York; Mrs. Ralph B Allentown, Pa.; Mrs. Esther Emrick, ville, Pa.; Miss Marie Helzer, Hyat Md.; Sister Martha Hansen and Sister rine Neuhardt, Baltimore.

New officers are: President, Mrs. Tilberg, Altoona, Pa.; vice president, Marjorie Uffleman, Baltimore; sec Mrs. Emrick; treasurer, Miss Helzer.

NEW JERSEY

Stewardship Comes First Jacobson Tells Conferen

By RALPH I. SHOCKEY

"THE PRIMARY TASK of the church is gelism," said the Rev. Lloyd E. Jac director of evangelism for the ULCA of Social Missions, as he made his fi pearance at the Southern Conferen Friesburg, Sept. 23.

Pastor Jacobson emphasized the fu of evangelism in implementing all phases of the ministry of the church.

Synod President Dr. Edwin H. K challenged the members of the thre ferences to produce another 100 pe apportionment and benevolence reco 1954. He explained the urgency of th Objective Appeal and asked the con tion to raise $150,000 by the end of He announced that the Board of Am Missions had approved new mission in Lovalett, Madison Park and Wash "Home missions are on the move

." he said emphatically in closing.

fall conferences of the synodical n's Missionary Society will be held as s: Northern Conference, St. Paul's h, Teaneck, Oct. 26; Central Confer- Church of the Atonement, Asbury Oct. 27; Southern Conference, Holy y Church, Maple Shade, Oct. 28.

HANY CHURCH, Gloucester, purchased onage for the parish and held dedica- eremonies Oct. 17 with the synodical ent participating.

congregations in the Vineland area nducting a joint Leadership Training l, Oct. 11-Nov. 5. Surveys of the Old ew Testament, introduction to teach- d a study of Christian beliefs are in- in the instruction. The school is be- eld in Redeemer Church, Vineland.

FIRST MILESTONE of the Tri-Objec- ppeal became a reality when Dr. and dwin H. Knudten moved into the new cal parsonage Sept. 9. The eight- dwelling purchased at a cost of $29,000 ted in Hamilton Square, a suburb of n. Dedication was scheduled for Oct. he Rev. Edwin Grubb, Jersey City, an of the synodical campaign, was to speaker.

ion work in Metuchen and Raritan hip began Sept. 19 under the direction Rev. F. Kenneth Shirk. There were the first service.

examining the ancient Luther work given to d College are Sandra Midland secretary, and ul W. Dieckman, Mid- resident. The 407-year- was a gift to the Li- of Biblical Literature r. F. W. Kuhlmann, Long Calif., in memory of her, pioneer Nebraska the Rev. J. F. Kuhl- An ancient note in the lls that it was brought U.S. at a cost of $400.

NORTH CAROLINA

Message Dropped in Ocean Brings Student From China

By DAVID F. COOPER

ASHEVILLE — A message in a bottle brought William Wong to Lenoir Rhyne College. Students had prepared hundreds of special plastic bottles carrying good-will messages laboriously copied in Chinese letters. They were flown to the West Coast in 1952 and later dropped into Pacific currents which would take them behind the Bamboo Curtain into China.

This year the students have proof that the messages reached their objective. William Wong, a Chinese student whose home is in Tokyo, enrolled at the college as a direct result of the messages.

William's father, who has been employed by the Department of Army Psychological Warfare since the family's flight from China, got a Lenoir Rhyne letter from a refugee in December 1953. He was so overwhelmed by the friendly attitude of the letter that he vowed to send his son there.

William is majoring in physics at Lenoir Rhyne, and after his graduation hopes to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology to earn a master's degree.

BIG NEWS in North Carolina Synod during September was the Northern Conference

NORTH CAROLINA . . .

Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Mission, with 40 churches in the Salisbury area conducting simultaneous programs during the week of Sept. 12.

This statistically amazing venture in concentrated evangelism was supervised and directed by the Rev. E. Dale Click, associate secretary of evangelism of the ULCA Board of Social Missions. The 8,000 persons directly touched by the five-day mission will continue to write it in terms of everyday life.

Forty guest missioners from seven states did the preaching and assisted the pastors of the 40 congregations in visitation evangelism instruction to 2,194 visitation workers each night. Teams completed 1,333 calls prior to the evening services, interviewing 2,561 persons.

At the largest single gathering of Lutherans in the history of the synod, 1,729 congregational leaders gathered at St. John's Church, Salisbury, on the opening Sunday for the mass leadership rally.

Statistics on visitation results indicated 220 enrolling for pastor's class; 71 desiring transfer of membership; 41 desiring to make reaffirmation of faith; 107 children for baptism; 217 children for the Sunday school.

Central committees for the mission included the Rev. Wilford Lyerly, chairman; the Rev. K. Efird, vice chairman; Pastors James E. Walker, Paul E. Moore, F. L. Conrad and laymen G. C. Miller, Worth Freeze, Phil E. Lipe and Ed. A. Beaver. Paul Ritchie was treasurer.

DR. T. S. PAULUS, widely known Indian Christian who is president of the ULCA Andhra Christian College in India, recently completed a brief itinerary in the synod, following attendance at the Evanston Assembly as one of five Lutheran delegates from India.

Dr. Paulus' itinerary took him to Lenoir Rhyne College, St. Andrew's Church, Hickory; Lenoir, St. Matthew's Church, King's Mountain; St. Mark's Church, Asheville; First Church, Lexington; Emmanuel Church, High Point; Coble's Church, Greensboro; Mt. Hebron Church, Hildebran; Center Grove Church, Kannapolis; and H Church, Salisbury.

OPEN HOUSE and a service of con tion were held Sept. 5 for the new $5 educational building recently complet St. Timothy's Church near Hickory. F. L. Conrad, synod president, preache morning sermon. Miss Maude and Annie Powlas, missionaries on furlough Japan, were speakers at the Sunday s The Rev. Jacob L. Lackay is pastor.

St. John's Church, Statesville, the John K. Lasley pastor, voted Sept. purchase a six-acre tract of land i heart of a growing residential sectio the purpose of relocation and expansi

Several North Carolina congregatio now sponsoring Church World News b casts. Trinity, Rocky Mount, was o first to subscribe.

AMONG THE CHURCHES . . . The Glenn A. Yount, Emmanuel Church, well, has resigned his pastorate to acc call to Bethpage-Cedar Grove H Crouse.

OHIO

Innkeeper Serves Duck To Mansfield Brotherhoo

By E. R. WALBORN

COLUMBUS—The duck dinner was Paul W. Reining, owner of the Smi Inn near Wooster, and active member Paul's Church, Smithville, provided the He also provided the program. The Br hood of First Church, Mansfield, C P. Mitchell and George M. Billman p benefited in two ways. They ate the and they listened to Mr. Reining's disc of the topic, "Inns, their tradition an place in our American life."

Mr. Reining is no ordinary innk Each Sunday noon he says grace f capacity crowds who throng his inn, as "The Chicken Dinner Capital World." He was a delegate to the T convention of the ULCA, and is a d of Wittenberg College.

wo high school students from Madison, Wis., traveled over 600 miles to visit Carthage e. Here group stands with President Harold Lentz (right front) in front of new building.

JOHN'S CHURCH, Vandalia, is literally "Crossroads of America," where U.S. 40 and 25 meet. Pastor A. James lin saw the effect of this location this er when visitors from 16 states and a stopped for services. The National ur Trapshooters' Meet and the Na- Aircraft Show were responsible for visitors. The church is located a few from the large Dayton Airport and mous grounds of the National Trap- ng Association.

Deaconess Sunday five deaconesses mmanuel Motherhouse in Omaha at- and explained their work to the con- on. Some weeks earlier five semi- s from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, ped with the congregation.

year 120 new members have been d from eight denominations and six an synods. The largest group con- were former Roman Catholics.

N CAMP MOWANA, near Mansfield, in September, Director Richard W. did his sums. He found that the 1,096 people accommodated in the three- camping season had known 102 adult . They were from 69 congregations luded 38 pastors.

ity Church, Canton, Willard I. Hack- pastor, reactivated the seven-year-old Luncheon Club Sept. 29. The men meet alternate Wednesdays, hear an address by the pastor.

Oct. 3 the congregation helped Dr. W. M. Hackenberg celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Speaker was son-in-law Paul W. Renz of Atlanta, Ga. During his retirement Dr. Hackenberg has served as Trinity's parish visitor, is now stated supply at Trinity Church, Valparaiso, while Pastor Dorris A. Flesner does graduate work.

At Second-Trinity Church, Dayton, Pastor Warner E. Holmgren dedicated a bronze plaque in memory of the service of Dr. Frank F. Secrist from 1926-54. A memorial fund will provide organ chimes. Mrs. Alice Hoffman has accepted an appointment by the Second-Trinity council as volunteer parish worker. She will assist Pastor Holmgren with calling, weekday church school, and vacation Bible school.

WHEN AL HANEL'S employing company went on strike, he turned his out-of-work time to good advantage for his church, Calvary, East Cleveland, Robert H. Secrist pastor. He and Mrs. Handel went to work cleaning and painting.

Dr. Margaret O'Neal, Muskingum County health commissioner and active worker at St. John's Church, Zanesville, has received a year's scholarship in public health at the University of Michigan from the Ohio Department of Health.

Board members of Camp Lutherlyn watch their president, Roy Henrickson, break ground f new educational buildings. Others from left to right: the Rev. H. Paul Gerhard, Prof. E. G. H buttel, Dr. G. L. Himmelman, Director S. S. Shaulis, Dr. Elmer Rice, the Rev. Frank Herz Rev. Mont Bowser, and the Rev. George Wolfe. Junior girl campers are in the backg

OHIO . . .

EVERY OFFICER of every organization of every congregation in the Synod of Ohio is invited to one of a series of 14 area meetings on organizational work, sponsored by the synodical committee on stewardship and beneficence headed by Pastor Elmer A. Lehman, Leipsic. The area meetings will be held Nov. 3-17 at First Church, Cleveland Heights; St. Paul's Church, Alliance; Emmanuel Church, New Philadelphia; St. John's Church, Zanesville; Hilltop Church, Columbus; First Church, Galion; Fifth Church, Springfield; North Riverdale Church, Dayton; St. Luke's Church, Lima; First Church, Cincinnati; St. Luke's Church, Mansfield; Zion Church, Defiance; Augsburg Church, Toledo; and Zion, Wooster.

Speakers and moderators for a panel discussion will be two members of the synodical office staff: Pastor Albert H. Buhl, missionary superintendent, and Pastor Richard W. Powell, director of Christian education and youth work. Each will conduct seven of the fourteen meetings.

OCTOBER is convention month in the Synod of Ohio. In addition to the Toronto convention, attention of 100,000 con members will center on the Luther L convention, four conference Women sionary Societies, and the four conf meetings.

The Luther League will meet Oct. at Trinity Church, Ashland. This y tendance is limited to 400. Phylli heads the local arrangements commit

Headline speaker will be a former of Trinity Church, Dr. Harold H. president of Carthage College. Other ers will be Pastor John R. Long, St. Church, Mansfield, chaplain, and Arthur O. F. Bauer, LLA represe formerly pastor of Bethesda Churc Village. Pastor Bauer will watch w terest convention action on reorgan proposals made by a League "Hoove mission" which he headed.

Women met Oct. 18-19 at St. Church, Youngstown (Eastern); Oct at First Church, Lorain (Central); C 21 at Glenwood Church, Toledo (We and Oct. 21-22 at Trinity, Le (Southern).

EACH CONVENTION heard a report

ston Assembly from an Ohio church-an, member of Trinity Church, Akron. B. Evangeline Witzeman, psychology ultant and instructor at Akron Univer-nd the wife of a busy Akron surgeon, a delegate for the ULCA. National sentatives at the conference included E. G. Price, General Life and In Me-am secretary, and Mrs. Leon Irschick, onary to India.

the four conference conventions which Oct. 25-28. "Evangelism" furnished a non theme. The major address at each given by Dr. Elmer E. Flack, Hamma ity School dean.

e conventions met Oct. 25-26 at St. 's Church, Findlay; Oct. 26-27, Augs- Church, Springfield; Oct. 27, First ch, Crestline; Oct. 27-28, St. Paul's ch, Leetonia.

ISYLVANIA

ial Services Multiply

By LUTHER E. FACKLER

TSBURGH—A ministry to several hun- migrant workers has been initiated by churches in Erie county, through the Council of Churches. A Spanish-speak- ocial worker, Noe Lopaz of Fresno, ., has been called.

ministry to hospitalized children is pro- each Sunday at Children's Hospital the leadership of the Children's Work nission of the Allegheny County Coun- f Churches. Mrs. Cecil Alexander, of numerous leadership texts, was or of the program this past summer.

ILDREN, too, can learn what it means e a brother's keeper. Throughout heny County the boys and girls will "Trick or Treat" bags for milk cartons "jingle jars" as they celebrate Hal- n. They will collect coins so that children may have milk to drink and ction against illness and disease. Ener- used in traditional destruction and s have been channeled into construc- un.

IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS 10,000 copies (the entire stock) of the Synodical Songbook have been sold. A second edition, with a few revisions, has been received. The songbook is intended for use at conferences, retreats, institutes, and so forth.

"Let's Finish the Job" is the slogan for Thiel College's effort to finish payments on Harter Hall and the Langenheim Memorial Library this year. The debt on the library has been reduced to $13,000. The Year End Appeal fund will be used to make final payments on the two buildings, pay faculty salaries and scholarship grants, and make campus improvements.

At a recent convention of the synodical Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Wesley Henry, Jeannette, Pa., was elected president, succeeding Mrs. G. Lawrence Himmelman. Miss Eleanora Demmler, former president, was honored by the establishment of a scholarship in her name. It will be given

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annually to a girl student in her ju year at Thiel College.

AMERICA'S oldest Protestant hospita seeking 100,000 friends to meet the district redevelopment program. The pital is in the middle of this city prog and hopes to keep pace with the "New P burgh." To accomplish the project the pital has organized a department of c munity relations to be headed by Dr. liam A. Logan, who served 16 years as retary of stewardship of the synod.

Late in September the two new offi of synod were inducted. They are Dr. E. Daugherty, superintendent of Amer missions, and Dr. Edward K. Rogers, se tary of stewardship. The service was in First Church, Butler. Former pasto the church and former president of synod, Dr. Henry H. Bagger, preached.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for Lebanon Church provided an opportu for everyone to "get in and pitch." members of the church school stood in mation around the proposed educat building site. At the appointed time person, with his own shovel, particip in the service.

VIRGINIA

Church and Pipe Organ Share Joint Dedication

By MARSHALL F. MAUNEY

LYNCHBURG—Holy Trinity Church dedication services for its new building 19-21. Dr. J. Luther Mauney, preside the Virginia Synod, performed the a dedication and delivered the sermon 19. Maestro Giuseppe Moschetti o John's Church, Allentown, gave the de tion recital on the new pipe organ and tor Marshall F. Mauney conducted the ice of blessing for the organ. Sept. Dr. L. Ralph Tabor, pastor of First Ch Baltimore, was guest preacher.

The new church is located in the F mont section of the city and is of mo

ic design. It provides a nave seating a chapel seating 100, a fellowship hall ıg 250 at tables, a fully equipped en, church parlor, offices, classrooms ıtility space. Cost of the structure was 000. S. Preston Craighill was the archind W. T. Jones the general contractor.

Aug. 29 Bethlehem Church, near esboro, celebrated its 100th anniverand dedicated a parish house erected in Synod Supt. R. Homer Anderson ded the sermon and Pastor T. Y. Mullins ed with the dedicatory service.

MANUEL CONGREGATION, Bluefield, laid rnerstone for a two-story parish house 31. Devotions were conducted by the r, the Rev. Paul L. Royer, and Mr. Moyer, chairman of the council and ilding committee, reviewed the history e parish house movement.

rinth Church of the Kimberlin Parish, Retreat, held a groundbreaking servept. 12 for a Sunday school annex. r H. Belk Leonard officiated.

enty-five men representing eight churches Knoxville Conference meeting at the Wil-Henson Home July 25 voted unanimously anize a conference Brotherhood. Richard ds of Roanoke brought greetings from ynodical Brotherhood and aided in orıg the conference group. The following s were elected: Donald C. Kull, St. John's h, Knoxville, president; Edward O. Stern-Grace Church, Oak Ridge, vice president; Richardson, St. Paul's Church, Maryville, ary-treasurer.

REFORMATION RALLY was sponsored Shenandoah Conference Brotherhood 21 at Resurrection Church, Arlington. pal speaker was Dr. T. A. Kantonen, na Divinity School. The rally was held ıjunction with the fall meeting of the rence Brotherhood. Special bus transion was planned throughout the Shenh Valley for the event.

irch Councilmen's Institutes are slated ghout synod beginning Nov. 1. Genneme of these dinner meetings will be Church Councilman and the Church ge." Purpose of the meetings will be to bring to the councilmen the specific actions of the Toronto convention of the ULCA. The institutes are scheduled as follows: Nov. 1, Roanoke and Newport News; Nov. 2, Blacksburg and Waynesboro; Nov. 3, Rural Retreat and Luray; Nov. 4, Kings-

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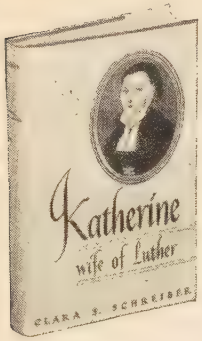

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port and Mt. Jackson; Nov. 5, Kno and Winchester.

Emmanuel congregation, Roanoke, cated a new parsonage Aug. 31. The p is the Rev. Edwin N. Troutman.

JOHN DAVID KEISTER was ordained t ministry Sept. 14 in St. Paul's Church, burg. Dr. J. Luther Mauney, synod dent, conducted the service assisted b R. H. Anderson, the Rev. George M. S pastor of St. Paul's, and the Rev. S. W Berry, president of the Shenandoah Co ence. Pastor Berry delivered the ser The Rev. Mr. Keister has accepted the of the Board of American Missions as sion developer for assignment to Vi Beach.

WISCONSIN

Used Clothing Drives A Slated for Thirteen Cit

By CHARLES A. PULS

MADISON—Whether Wisconsin Luth will collect 483,000 pounds of clothin overseas relief this fall, as they did a ago, cannot be predicted, but 13 area make the effort. Already area chairmen put out the word and church members been alerted to collect the bundles. waukee Lutherans expect to load fou Oct. 30. Collection areas and loading are Oct. 30, Milwaukee; Nov. 13, Ma Shawano, Wausau, Wisconsin Dells, nette, and Sheboygan; Nov. 16, M Point; Nov. 18, Monroe; Nov. 20, La and Racine; Nov. 29-30, Eau Claire Oshkosh. Wisconsin gathered 18 loads last year.

When the Wisconsin Conference mi ary society met October 17-18 at Pen Church, Milwaukee, nine new societie 1,153 new members were added t present synodical total of 7,198 mem "While this may seem to be a health crease," said Mrs. William S. Cha president, "this number represents only third of our potential of 20,500 women

ars of age." Speakers at the convention were Miss Bertha Fromble, missionary to Japan, and Miss Wadia Abu-Dayyeh, college student from Palestine.

TER RUTH HILGER, a member of Church Resurrection, Milwaukee, was recently consecrated a deaconess.

St. Luke's, Waukesha, celebrated its 34th anniversary Oct. 24 by dedicating the first unit of the new parish house . . . The Rev. Robert L. Bartsch, Wisconsin Dells, has accepted the call to become field missionary

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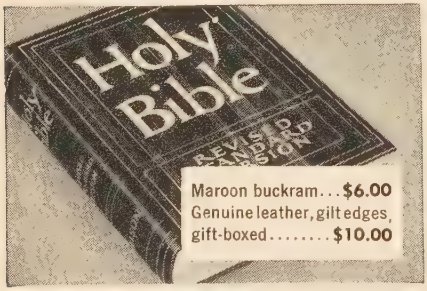

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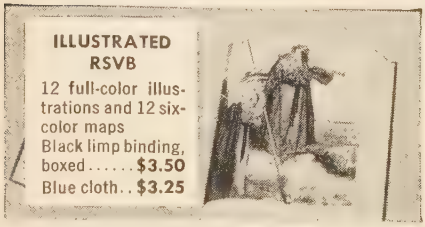


WISCONSIN . . .
in the Milwaukee area . . . The Rev. W. Vriesman, recently graduated Northwestern Seminary, was ordained his home church, Bayshore, Milwaukee, is now assistant pastor at Reform Church, Milwaukee.

VACATION-CONSCIOUS PASTORS of the consin Conference eyed the long dist to be traveled when attending the next s meeting May 24-26 at Billings, Mont and recommended that the synodical e tive committee change the convention to a month or two later. Pastors and families who have never "been west" m combine business with pleasure. Comm ing on the resolution he sponsored at conference convention in Kenosha, the Dorrance Jensen, Antigo, said, "This be the most expensive synod meeting have ever held. Crossing the country two days of meeting will be worth it, with mountains nearby, why shouldn make plans so our families can see too?"

—Changes of Pastorate

FLORIDA

CRESSMAN, GEORGE E. From Hope Ch Reading, Pa. To Good Shepherd Ch Tampa. 3814 Horatio St.

MICHIGAN

VOLKMAR, GEORGE. From Marquardt St. Mark's churches, Monroeville, To Garden City, mission developer.

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

SUURKIVI, JUHAN. From Blandon p Va. To Erloeser Church, Philadel 160 W. Tioga St.

NORTH CAROLINA

YOUNT, GLENN A. From Emmanuel Ch Rockwell. To Bethpage-Cedar C churches, Crouse.

NORTHWEST

BARTSCH, ROBERT L. From Bethany Ch Wisconsin Dells. To Milwaukee field missionary.

VIRGINIA

REBANE, HANS. From Helton parish. Burkes Garden parish.

ER, LAWRENCE H. From St. James' urch, Philadelphia, Pa., assistant pas- r. To Good Shepherd and St. David's urches, Front Royal. 1008 Virginia Ave.

KS, L. C. From Luther Memorial urch, Blacksburg. To St. John's Church, noxville, Tenn.

LIAMSON, LAWRENCE B. From Floyd rish. To secular employment.

DECEASED

Rev. Cyrus M. Wallick

he Rev. Cyrus Mizer Wallick, D.D., 50, Sept. 17 at Dayton, Ohio, after a long ss. He had served Our Savior's Church 1943.

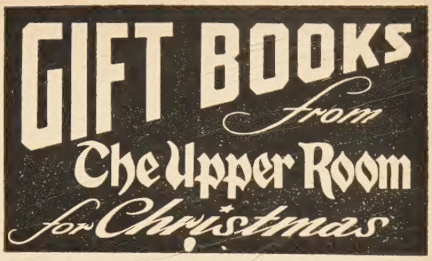
astor Wallick graduated from Witten- College in 1925, and from Hamma nity School in 1928. In 1949 he was ored by his alma mater with the doctor ivinity degree.

fter his ordination by the Synod of Ohio served Redeemer Church, Maywood, ., from 1928-43, when he returned to . Both were mission churches which he ght to full support and guided into sub- ial building programs. Our Savior's from 89 to 460 members under his ership.

e served for a time on the Executive d of the Synod of Ohio, and in 1949-50 acting missionary superintendent. He a member of the Wittenberg College d of Directors, and contributed to the t series of Augsburg Sunday school les- publications.

rvivors include his wife, the former thy Keplinger; a daughter, Mrs. Ken- Sauer of Springfield; a son, Charles, r ministerial student at Wittenberg; two ers, the Rev. Lloyd M. of Drexel Hill, and J. Lester of Canton, Ohio.

funeral service was conducted at Our r's Church Sept. 20 by two classmates uthern Conference President Joseph W. se and New Jersey Synod President in H. Knudten—and Ohio Synod Presi- George W. Miley. Interment was at dland Cemetery, Dayton.



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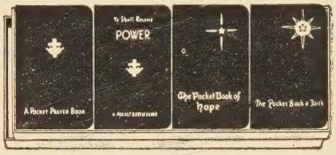

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In conclusion . . . . . .

A "1" CREPT into our news columns by mistake last week, in the report that Dr. Fry had been re-elected as the United Lutheran president by a vote of *580 to 133*. The vote was 580 to 33. After 10 years of bold and adventurous leadership of our church, there was only a handful of delegates disgruntled with his administration.

A leader of such extraordinary strength might be expected to stir up more opposition than this vote indicates. But most United Lutherans realize how fortunate they are in having such a man as Dr. Fry. Other Christians of the world, also, are becoming keenly conscious of his intelligence, resourcefulness, and energy.

AT THE TORONTO CONVENTION it was clear that the structure of United Lutheran Church organization is being shaped to fit this unusual man. He admitted that he has pushed out to the breaking point the authority given to his office by the church's constitution, and there would have to be a change either in the constitution or in the president. Delegates favored changing the constitution.

When the new constitutional amendments are ratified by the synods, the ULC presidency will be a stronger office than that of the chief executive in any other American denomination I know of (not counting such fringe sects as Christian Scientists and Homer A. Tomlinson's Church of God).

Actually, there is no such thing as centralization of "power" in any office in the church. As the ULC constitution says, "All power in the Church belongs to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." The only ways power is exerted in human organizations is through authority to collect taxes or to send around policemen and soldi Everything in the church is done in t will. We give energy and money church work because we want to. body has any "power" over us in chu except our Lord.

What we were talking about at Toro was administrative authority. There four points at which such authority exerted in our church, 1) the synods, the convention, 3) the executive bo of which Dr. Fry is president, and the other boards. The question of re ing the authority of the synods did come up at this convention. The conv tion itself refused to yield any of its thority to the executive board. W happened was that considerable autho was shifted to the executive board fr the other boards.

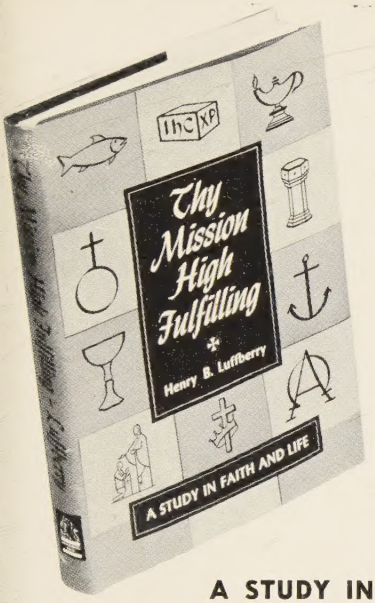
These boards could become satell of the executive board if the actions the Toronto convention were put in ef rapidly. But we may be sure this not be done. Dr. Fry is far too wise far-sighted to exercise authority unne sarily.

The secretaries of these other boa are not people who want to keep president of the church out of their fairs. They are faithful people, who kn how helpful Dr. Fry can be to them, welcome all the assistance they can

THE DAY OF INDIVIDUALISM, in the American style, is over. We may re it, but we can't do anything about it

Even the church must mobilize. must concentrate its strength if it is keep up with the 20th century pace. every 33 United Lutherans who don't this, there are 580 who know it must done. That's a highly favorable perc age.

—ELSON RUF



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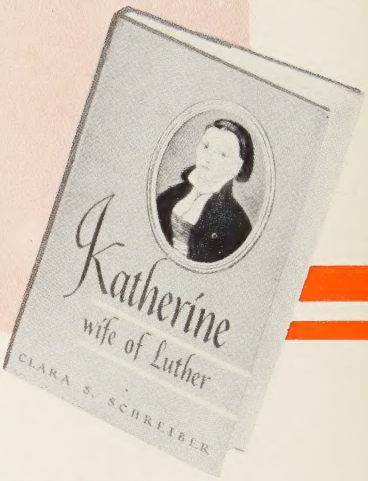

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